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Holidays bring ringing registers Business hot despite cold

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The year-end holidays have come and gone and once again the winter's first cash crop was a bountiful one.

Despite a frigid start and a somewhat shorter-than-normal vacation period, skiers again came to Bethel in record numbers and left behind plenty of spending money.

The holiday period was brief because the booked holidays fell on Saturdays. Weekend holidays tend to shorten the overall vacation period, since visitors are less likely to spill over onto the weekends before Christmas and after New Year's.

Nonetheless, Sunday River reported a 4-percent increase in skier visits during the core 7-day period (factoring in increased season pass sales).

Skier numbers during the vacation period pretty closely tracked the thermometer—high and comfortable toward both ends, but low and a little scary right after Christmas.

Christmas Eve and Day were record breakers, according to skiway spokesman Skip King, but the numbers fell off sharply Sunday and Monday. But by Tuesday it was once again getting comfortable out on the hill, and the parking lots were rapidly filling.

A similar pattern was apparent at Mt. Abram in Locke Mills.

The new owners have no past numbers to measure the latest holiday week figures against, but spokesman Eric Austin said last week's turnout was "pretty good overall," rebounding well after a very slow start during the cold days early in the week.

And all things considered, Austin said, even the weather wasn't that bad. "It didn't rain and we were able to make a lot of snow."

X-C scratchy

It was a touch-and-go week for local cross-country ski areas, but certainly better than last year, when X-C trails were bare and empty until mid-January.

At Carter's Cross-Country Ski Center, on the Middle Intervale Road, skiing started the day after Christmas on a thin, one- to three-inch base.

But trails at Sunday River Cross-Country Center in Newry and the Bethel Inn remained closed until Thursday—when a few inches of powdery precip arrived in time to save the remainder of the week.

"We were very fortunate that the snow was cold and we were able to pack it," said Sunday River owner Steve Wight. "We had done a lot of work on our trails with wood chips, so we were able to ski on minimal cover."

David Carter said that after the snowfall the skiing was so good, "Some families came back every single day," and Carter's Last Stand on New Year's Day attracted a large crowd.

Off mountain was hopping

The cold snap early in the week even proved a boon for local merchandisers. On Sunday and Monday the skiers came into the shops to get out of the cold, and to spend.

"They were pretty liberal with their cash," said Tim Hutchins, manager of the Jack Frost shops at Sunday River. "The numbers aren't in yet, but my gut feeling is we not only broke records, we shattered them."

Local restaurants also had their hands full.

"There was more demand than the

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Ready or not—here comes winter!

Schools were closed, shovel sales were up, and in businesses across the area folks were staring out the window wondering when to close the shutters.

"Everybody should have just stayed home today," said Bethel Road Foreman Bob Pilgrim—only half in jest.

At The Citizen's presstime Tuesday afternoon the entire state of Maine was bracing for the first old fashioned Nor'easter of the season.

And the National Weather Service was urging residents of the western mountains to ready themselves for up to two feet of snow—with high winds to follow.

No one was predicting another "Storm of the Century," but the "Storm of the Year" (so far) seemed a safe bet.

"It's going to be a major Nor'easter, said Bob Marine of the NWS. "You can almost guarantee this storm. It's going to be a real rough commute in the morning (Wednesday)."



A FACE FULL OF FLUFFY FUN—Simon Dumont of West Bethel was up to his neck in winter fun last week when the first snowstorm of the season dumped four to six inches of snow. Simon and his cousin Shawn Dumont burrowed into a snowbank and tried to stage a snowball fight, but the fluffy flakes didn't pack well and the boys just got covered with self-inflicted fluff. Weather forecasters were predicting Tuesday's Nor'easter could blanket the Bethel area with up to two feet of snow.

(Photo by Wendy Hanscom)

Heating oil prices lowest in 8 years.

By WENDY HANSCOM

Low heating oil prices and a warm fall are giving homeowners a break on winter fuel costs.

Number two heating oil prices in the Bethel area are 13 cents cheaper than this time last year.

C.N. Brown & Co. and Brooks Bros. both list 65.9 cents per gallon as their current cash price, compared to 78.9 cents last year at this time.

The current price is lowest heating oil has sold for since 1986, according to Jeri Greenwell at Brooks Bros. in Bethel.

One reason the price is down, according to Dana Brooks, is because local dealers are paying major distributors less than usual for heating oil.

"It went down at the distributors," Brooks said. "The distributors are making a smaller (profit) margin than they have in recent years. The prices in Portland have dropped considerably."

The current local price to homeowners is at least 10 cents cheaper than it was two months ago, Brooks said.

John Wheeler at C.N. Brown said a warm fall has created somewhat of a glut of heating oil on the market.

"The warmer-than-average fall put consumption down, so there's more oil on the market," Wheeler said. "It's a supply and demand market. We're matching our lowest competitor in the marketplace. That's our marketing strategy."

Brooks agreed. "It's a case of competition," he said. "We go with the low price as long as we can. If the price to us goes up, then we'll go up."

The low prices have led to some changes in consumer buying strategies. Some are tilting up their tanks, while others are paying cash instead of charge for a 100 gallons at a time.

"Customers aren't helping themselves too much, because they're taking small drops so they can get the cash price," Brooks said. "They'd be smart to fill up at this price, even at the charge rate, then when it goes up they'll have some in storage."

Whether they pay now or later it's still a good deal all around.

"It's been very good for everyone," he said. "A lot of people are

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Telstar skiing

Is easy mountain access hurting alpine program?

By WENDY HANSCOM

Too much of a good thing (great skiing) might be hurting Telstar High School's alpine ski program—especially the girls' program.

At most high schools, kids who want to ski turn out for their schools' programs just to get a chance to hit the slopes a few times a week, according to Telstar downhill coach Tom Remington.

But in SAD44 there's plenty of opportunity for students to ski without making a commitment to the team.

This year's boys' alpine team is the largest (14 members) it's been in several years. But the girls' team is down to one member, and coach Remington said there are still more

good boys out there that don't race competitively for Telstar.

Remington attributed the low turnout to several factors.

"I think a lot of it has to do with commitment," Remington said. "Just getting them to commit to something. Some kids have jobs. Personally I feel there are two big reasons for the low turnout. It's so easy for kids to ski. It's right out their back doors—Sunday River and Mt. Abram. The price of a student pass is very reasonable at Sunday River and Mt. Abram. Sunday River also offers several chances for kids to ski free—which is wonderful. It's so easy for kids to

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New tree-growth regs.

Small landowners may need a plan

By WENDY HANSCOM

Recent changes in the Tree Growth and Farm and Open Space tax laws have local town assessors looking over their tax maps and through their tree growth files. The assessors are attempting to figure out which landowners need to get out of tree growth, file a management plan or change classification.

Landowners who have less than 100 acres of non-commercial property in tree growth are affected by the law change.

The number of parcels affected by the change varies from town to town.

"In Newry there are only a couple of parcels that we've been able to find that might be affected by it," Selectman Steve Wight said. "Most of those in tree growth in Newry, harvest from their land."

Bethel Town Clerk Merton Brown said he plans to make it his goal in January to figure out the new law changes and how they affect taxpayers.

"There are some (parcels) in Bethel," Brown said. "I'm not sure how many, 10 to 15 maybe. We have approximately 100 to 150 parcels in the program, owned by about 100 people. The majority of our people have over 100 acres."

In Greenwood, selectmen will enlist the aid of O'Donnell Associates of Auburn to help notify landowners of their options.

"We have quite a few that have decided to take land out of tree growth," Selectman Marie Bartlett said. "We'll have a meeting in January and bring in John O'Donnell. We'll ask people who want to take their land out of tree growth to be there. The assessor will be able to tell them what the penalty will be."

Woodstock Town Manager Vern

'The jig's up for everybody by April 1999. You've either got to have a plan or pay a big penalty to get out.'

JOE WATHEN
MMA attorney

Maxfield has about 50 parcels to deal with.

"We're working to find out who it affects and what their penalty would be if they want to get out of tree growth," Maxfield said. "We'll send them a letter."

Legislature mandates change

The state Legislature recently changed the tree growth tax law so that landowners who have less than 100 acres in tree growth, which is managed solely for personal use, have three choices:

- get out and pay a reduced penalty
- get a licensed forester to create or certify a management and harvest plan.
- convert to open space classification.

The law change excludes parcels more than 100 acres, or parcels less than 100 acres used for commercial tree-growth purposes.

At last week's informational

meeting in Greenwood on the law changes, Maine Municipal Association staff attorney Joe Wathen said the tree-growth tax shelter was introduced in 1972 to give commercial harvesters a break.

"I know some landowners who were in tree growth for tax purposes," Wathen said. "They wanted the trees to grow and bring deer and other wildlife, but they weren't really doing anything with the land, and they didn't really need the tax break. These are the people the Legislature wants to squeeze out."

"The state is trying to get back to the intent of this program," he said, "which is for the harvest of a product, not so it will look pretty for tourists to drive through. It was meant to help bring a healthy product to harvest."

Get out, pay less

Wathen outlined three choices for landowners affected by the law.

One option is to remove the property from tree growth and pay a two-part, but reduced, penalty.

The penalty is a recovery of the last five-year's worth of taxes, plus interest, with the amount of taxes already paid over the five years subtracted from the total. Landowners with property in tree growth less than five years, pay according to the number of years the property has been in tree growth.

Another fee is also levied. The fee will vary from town to town, but it

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Watch out for thin ice

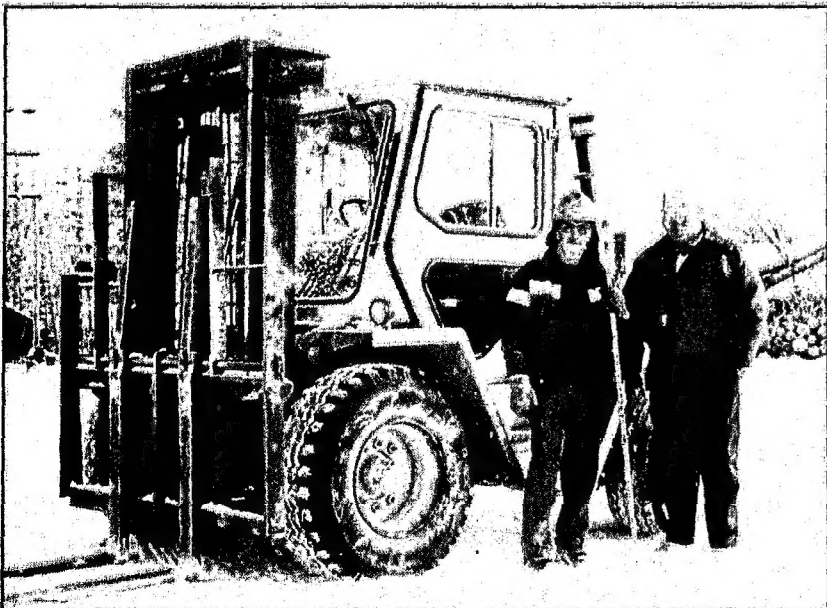
State Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife officials are warning ice fishermen and other winter recreational enthusiasts to be cautious on local ponds and lakes.

Fisheries and wildlife spokesman Paul Fournier said larger lakes have just frozen over during the recent cold snap, and fishermen, snowmobilers and others should make sure ice is safe before crossing.

Game Warden Donald Gray of Newry said most of the smaller lakes and ponds have five to seven inches of ice on them.

"That amount is probably enough to hold a man, but a cautious approach is always the best approach," Gray said.

"Just be careful and try to find out what the pond is like," Gray said. Use a lot of common sense. Talk to the people around, find out the ice conditions. Take a chisel and measure the ice every 10 to 15 feet—some ponds freeze quicker than others."



"BOZO" PARKS HIS FORKLIFT FOR GOOD—After 18 years at Newton & Tebbets in West Bethel, Lawrence "Bozo" Young (left) is ready to retire. Young put in his last day Friday as yard supervisor. His duties included scaling, unloading trucks and stacking lumber. Young said he will start his retirement by "taking a week to do nothing." He also plans to putter around his workshop and do some traveling with his wife Barbara. Young is pictured with mill owner Roy Newton.

(Photo by Wendy Hanscom)

Children's Dance Theater Update

Classes will start January 12th in our new studio 16 Spring Street, Bethel. We have heat, lights, dance floor and a warm waiting room. The finer details will take place as soon as possible. (Notice please: No bathroom facilities yet!) We'll have a Grand Opening when it is complete and thank the many people who made this dream a reality.

Sincere Thanks, Miss Sue

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Letters

BEAR RIVER STILL BLACKED OUT

To the Editor:

Most of the people on the Bear River side of Newry get two channels on their TV and some only get one channel. I get two channels and would like very much to have Channel 10 and more choice, which cable could give us.

When the first cable company wanted permission to come into town and go to Sunday River, there was talk that they had to go up both Sunday River and Bear River. The selectmen at that time never got anything in writing, which was a mistake. Then, after a couple of years the original cable company asked the selectmen at that time to sell to another company.

The selectmen gave them permission without asking the townspeople what they thought about it. And, again, there was nothing in writing that they would come up Bear River also. So again, the Bear River side of town lost out.

At the time I was under the impression that when cable went into the condos they would count so many condos as a mile to help us get cable on this side of the town.

It seems to me we are being left out. When cable went up, there wasn't 20 houses per mile and there still isn't at this time.

I think most people would like cable in the Bear River Valley. I know I would.

Edgar Davis
Newry

BETHEL MEMORIES ARE FOREVER

To the Editor:

I am writing to thank everyone for the Christmas cards. It's hard to believe a year ago from today my family and I were in Florida visiting Mickey Mouse. Thanks to all of you.

I know I haven't written in a while. I spent most of my summer in Bethel. I saw a lot of old faces and new faces. Some people didn't recognize me. They're used to the long, brown hair and the red CRX with TP-JR vanity plates. Now it's the short, brown hair and white 300 2Xs with Massachusetts plates. People finally connected the face, voice, and Massachusetts plates, and the zoom down Vernon Street. The lead foot comes from Mom.

I had to leave the fresh, clean air and go back to city life. I went back to work and my life got back into the swing of things. Things have been going great.

Then Dec. 20, a flashback of last year came back into my life. The cancer has returned. I am very disappointed. Very sad with life. I've been strong through all of this past year, but knowing I'll have to start all over again is it really worth it?

All I ask for is no sympathy or sadness. Just prayers, either at church, the dinner table, or when you're alone. Pray that God does what he has to. What is best for me. That's all I ask.

I love Bethel. My favorite memories: Vince Chapman on school bus, Danny Myers, seeing my first moose, and I always loved coon hunting, my trip in the South Paris Dunkin' Doughnuts with Chris Bennett after a Friday night at the mountain, and my dearest memories in high school with J.M. Memories are a gift that no one can ever pay for or take away from you.

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Rep. Snowe to host meeting in Bethel

U.S. Rep. Olympia Snowe will host a public meeting in Bethel on Wednesday, Jan. 12.

The purpose of the meeting will be to hear citizens' concerns on such issues as health care reform, the budget, congressional reform, crime control, agriculture and small business.

The meeting will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the meeting room of the Bethel Town Office.

Newry

Town Office contract awarded

By DIANE HAYES

The Newry Board of Selectmen voted unanimously on Tuesday to accept a bid of \$4,600 from a Vermont contractor for renovations at the town office on Route 26.

The vote came after a lengthy meeting with Douglas Farrar of Lyndon Center, Vt., who said he plans to contract cabinets, counters, doors, computer desks and a dividing wall at his Vermont shop then install them here on a weekend before the end of January.

"I look at that time frame as being comfortable for me," Farrar said after being asked by the selectmen when they could expect the job to be finished.

It was also put in the contract that the town would pay half of the cost up front and the rest upon completion of the project.

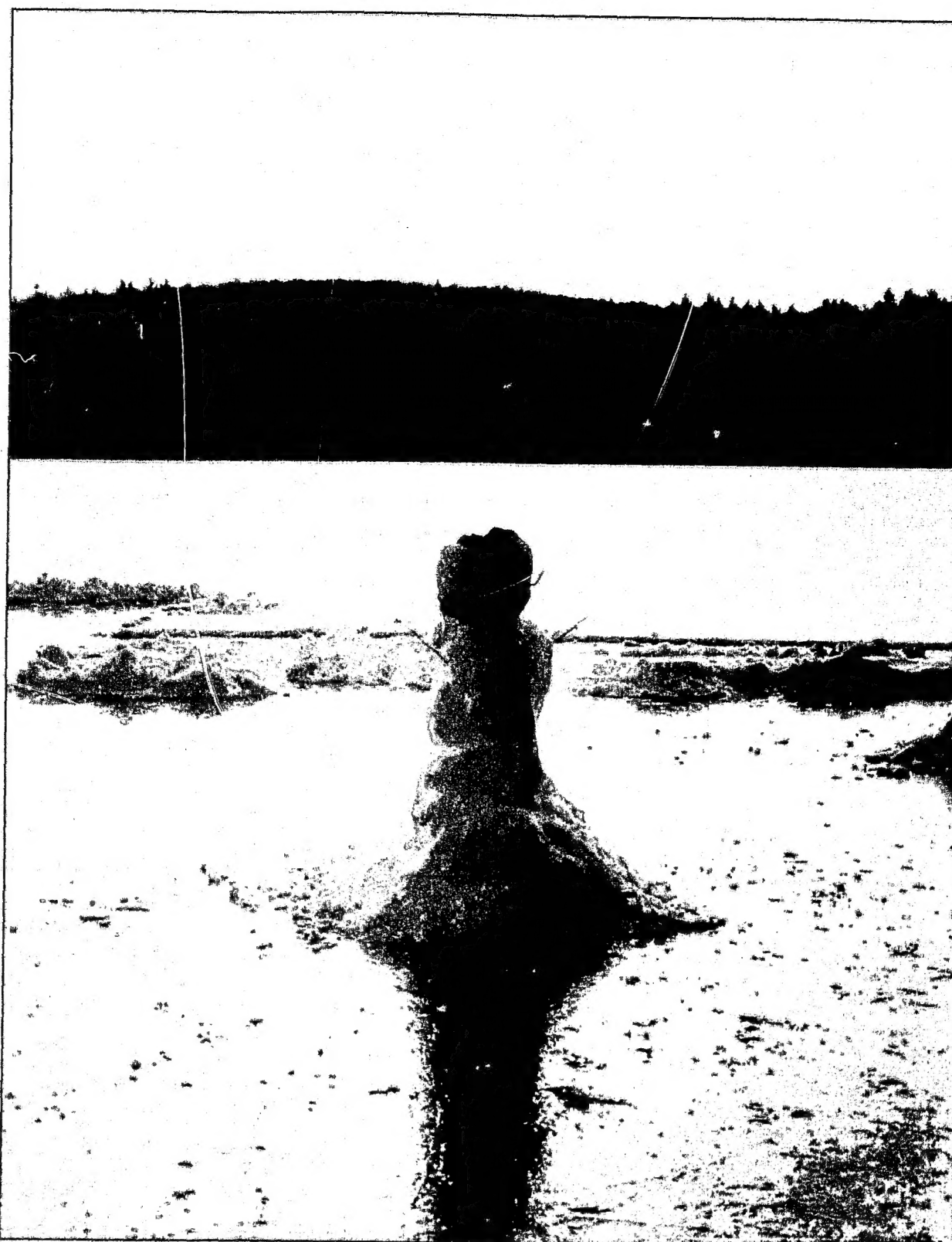
There was a question whether the money could be extended into the new year, as funds voted at the

town meeting last March are designated to be used by the end of the calendar year.

Chairman of the Board Steve Wright said he didn't think it would be a big problem, but the board decided to confer with the town's auditor.

As well as Farrar's carpentry and remodeling business, he is also a building trades teacher at the Lyndon Institute in Lyndonville, Vt. When asked if his students would be involved in the construction he said, "Not directly, but I like to have them observe the work as it's being done. That's the best way for them to learn."

Selectmen said Farrar's work does not include electrical wiring and installation of phone connections. That part of the project has been considered and is not expected to increase the overall cost by a large amount, selectmen said.



SOUTH POND FROSTY basks in a cold winter sun.

(Photo by Michael Daniels)

Andover

Education fund passes goal

By ROBERT BOURASSA

As temperatures fell over the past three months, thermometer on Andover Common steadily rose to a red-hot \$11,700.

The thermometer represents contributions to the Andover Education Fund. But the \$11,700 is only about half of the contributions' true value.

That's because last September, native son Robert Spidell, who is now a California publisher and tax consultant, challenged the education fund by offering to match-up to \$10,000—every dollar it raised by Dec. 31.

The fund's directors accepted the challenge and launched a mail campaign of 1,250 letters of solicitation.

"We contacted Andover alumni, current residents, former residents, businesses and anyone else we thought might like to help," Andover Education Fund President

Sharon Hutchins said this week. "The response was wonderful. We went over the top on Dec. 21, and contributions are still coming in."

The money—nearly \$22,000 with Spidell's matching amount—will enrich the Charles A. Cutting Endowment Fund. That fund was named in memory of another native son and a former Andover Education Fund director.

The Cutting endowment was established in March 1992 with \$20,000 donated by Spidell, who helped revive the Andover Education Fund in 1987.

The fund was established in 1957 but was pretty much dormant before Spidell made his initial contribution.

The proceeds from the fund are awarded as college scholarships to high school students from Andover. In addition to endowment scholarships, the education fund directors

administer an assistance program to help local high school students who want to pursue post-secondary education.

Known as the "A" plan, money earned through student-sponsored activities such as raffles, bake sales and dances is placed in a deposit-only savings account. The fund directors have power of attorney over the account.

The proceeds are credited to each participating student on an equal share basis and used to defray the first semester or first year costs of any approved program of higher learning.

Spidell gives each student participating in plan "A" \$100 for each year of their involvement in the program.

Since its revival in 1987, the Andover Education Fund has provided about \$45,000 in scholarship assistance to 56 local students.

December 1992 accident

Guilty plea in Parisien death

By ARANKA MATOLCSY

A South Paris man last week pleaded guilty to manslaughter and to aggravated driving under the influence for driving drunk and causing a crash that killed All-American skier Jean Paul Parisien last year.

Derek Bonney, 31, who wept openly and said little during his brief Superior Court hearing may have to wait several months before being sentenced. Sentencing was continued pending the completion of a pre-sentence investigation.

The prosecutor, Assistant District Attorney Joseph M. O'Connor, told Justice Donald Alexander that the state is recommending that the wheelchair-bound Bonney be sentenced to four years in prison.

Alexander indicated that a complete medical evaluation of Bonney would have to be conducted to determine the state's ability to house him in a correctional facility.

The maximum Bonney could face under the state's recommendation is 20 years, with all but four suspended and six years of probation, according to Alexander.

The maximum sentence for manslaughter is 40 years in prison with a \$50,000 fine and five years with a \$5,000 fine for driving under the influence, Alexander said.

Blood tests revealed that Bonney's blood alcohol level was .12 percent and had traces of marijuana. The legal blood alcohol limit in Maine is .08.

Charges of driving to endanger and leaving the scene of a personal injury accident were dropped.

According to Bonney's court-appointed attorney, Albert J. Beliveau of Rumford, Bonney suf-

fers from Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome, a crippling neurological disorder. In the last four or five months Bonney's condition has deteriorated to the point where he is now confined to a wheelchair and is losing the use of his upper extremities.

Beliveau said he didn't know whether the extreme stress Bonney has undergone since Dec. 17, 1992, when Parisien died in the crash, has made his condition worse.

Alexander said he was concerned about the costs that could be incurred if the state had to house Bonney in a medical facility.

Beliveau asked that a psychologist familiar with Bonney and his condition be at least allowed to participate in any psychological or medical evaluations and the pre-sentence investigation.

He indicated that Bonney has had feelings of "such remorse that he wanted to do away with himself," and noted that the psychologist familiar with Bonney worked with him through these times.

Alexander ordered that \$1,500 be made available to pay for the psychologist's anticipated services.

While O'Connor had no objection to a psychological evaluation, he asked that an independent, non-biased medical doctor conduct any needed medical evaluation.

Parisien, the brother of U.S. Ski Team members Julie and Anna Parisien and professional ski racer Rob Parisien, was killed when a Cadillac equipped with hand controls and driven by Bonney hit his rented Honda Accord, forcing him off the road and into a large tree

along Route 26 in Bethel, according to investigators.

"J.P.," as he was known to family and friends, died instantly, O'Connor said.

The 24-year-old athlete and prospective medical student was visiting his family in Auburn on break from the University of Colorado at Boulder. The night of the accident, Parisien was alone heading north on Route 26 on his way to visit friends at his alma mater, Burke Mountain Academy in Vermont.

Witnesses told police that the Cadillac got back on the road and took off.

O'Connor said Kevin Lawrence, who was a passenger in Bonney's car at the time of the accident, would have testified that Bonney had been drinking and said that they had "to get out of here."

Shortly after the crash, local police were alerted to the hit-and-run vehicle's description.

Bonney was stopped by Cpt. Paul Reynolds of the Oxford County Sheriff's Department in West Paris around 9:19 p.m.

Days later, authorities were able to link Bonney to the crash through paint samples of his car found on the Honda and pieces of the Cadillac's headlight found at the scene, according to O'Connor.

Bonney's decision to plead guilty came after a long-awaited ruling, filed in Oxford County Superior Court Dec. 17, rejecting the defense's bid to suppress evidence linking the defendant to the fatal crash.

Bonney has no previous convictions for drunk driving on his record, according to O'Connor.

THIS WEEK AT THE Moses Mason House

The annual "So You Think You Know Bethel" contest will be the feature of the Jan. 6 meeting of the Bethel Historical Society to be held in the meeting room of the Dr. Moses Mason House, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in attending this meeting is cordially invited to do so.

During 1993 a number of donations were received in memory of Richard Bryant, long-time society member who died on March 20, 1993. The Richard N. Bryant Memorial Fund has been established in his memory; income from this memorial fund will be used to support society operations.

Another issue of the society's quarterly "The Bethel Courier" is expected to be published soon. Anyone wishing a complimentary issue should call the society office at 824-2908 or write the society at P.O. Box 12.

Those interested in participating in the "Different People, Different Places" reading and discussion series at the Bethel Library are reminded that the first session begins on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at the library at 7 p.m. The series is free and open to all. Anyone wishing further information should call the Bethel Library at 824-2520. Books are available at the library for the series.

LOOKING BACK

10 years ago: Merry Ann Robertson received her master's degree in educational administration from the University of Southern Maine, Portland. The Bethel Inn management staff (Dick Rasor, Gretchen Davidson, Ray and Ann Moran, Don and Kathy Bennett) hosted a Christmas party for the local friends of the inn. Birth: Joel Doyon. Deaths: Jorgen Olson, Florence Bean, Archie Waltanen.

20 years ago: Maine received 87.4 percent of the number two heating oil that was delivered in December 1972. The main complex of the Town and Country Motor Inn in Shelburne, N.H., was destroyed by fire, causing an estimated \$500,000 in damage. Birth: Deborah Dingley. Marriage: Sherry Hutchinson and Bruce Young.

30 years ago: Grace and Ernest Buck celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary with an open house planned by Albert and Norma Buck, assisted by Raymond and Beatrice Buck. Hanover Dowel Company distributed approximately \$15,000 in bonuses to its employees. Harry and Barbara Kuryk installed new booths and a soda fountain at their newly-purchased Campus Malt Shop on Church Street (formerly Cotton's Restaurant). Births: Judith Hamilton, Sally Bennoch. Marriages: Pamela Tyler and George Essex, Jr.; Alton Howard and Glynda Witter; Michelle Favreau and Maurice Roy. Deaths: Phillips Brooks, Errol O. Donahue, Sr.

40 years ago: Harold G. Bennett was elected president of the Bethel Chamber of Commerce. Stanley Lord was presented a Tree Farm Certificate. Sally Bodwell purchased Sylvia's Beauty Shoppe on Mechanic Street (currently Sally's Beauty Shop). Marriage: Martha Waterhouse and Raymond Bulmer. Deaths: Frank Brooks, Christine Berry, Rollin Dinsmore.

50 years ago: Priscilla Carver was elected president and Carolyn Bryant vice president of the newly-formed Year Round Club. Ada Conner was elected Worthy Matron of Purity Chapter, O.E.S. James Barnett was temporary Star Route carrier from Upton to Bethel. Births: Gary Fuller, Beth Ann Brown, Bonita Eames. Deaths: James Packard, William Adams.

BETHEL/AUBURN TRAIN TRIP ON CHANNEL IV

Public access cable television Channel IV will show "Bethel on Board" at 7 p.m. on Jan. 5 and 10.

The show features Tom and Melinda Remington interviewing local residents on board the Sunday River Express's Dec. 18 inaugural run from Bethel to Danville Station in Auburn and back.

Oil prices

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saying "Come and fill it up. The price isn't going to get any lower."

According to Monday's survey by the State Planning Office, the average oil price in central Maine was 76 cents, which is up 2.4 cents from last week's price. The statewide average is 77.7 cents.

This week marks the midpoint of the heating season monitored by state and federal agencies. The average price in Maine this week fell well below last year's mid-season average, according to the State Planning Office. The 25-week season begins the first week of October and ends the first week of April.

The average price of number two heating oil for the 13th week of last year's survey was 10 cents higher than the average price reported this week.

Tree growth

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is not as severe as the 20 to 30 percent penalty assessed currently when a landowner withdraws from tree growth, Wathen said.

"Usually when you get out of snag you with a high penalty," Wathen said. "This time, the Legislature has said 'If you get out of you'll pay a lesser penalty.' People ask 'Why do I have to pay a penalty at all if I'm getting out?' I don't have an answer, other than: Have you ever heard of government that didn't pay money?"

There's also another catch to option: once a landowner withdraws from tree growth and pays the lesser penalty, he cannot change the use of the property until April 1999.

Wood or wood products can be harvested, but the landowner cannot develop the parcel in any manner. The landowner cannot, for example, construct or place buildings, or in utility lines, wells, foundations, concrete pads or driveways.

Landowners who wish to develop their property once it is withdrawn from tree growth under the law will be forced to pay an additional penalty, plus interest, from the date of withdrawal.

Landowners who choose this option must notify the town assessors by April 1, 1994.

Telstar skiing

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ski here whenever they want. And the other reason is snowboarding," Remington said.

Several girls and boys have taken up snowboarding, the coach said. Again, easy access to local ski areas gives them plenty of time for shredding.

Telstar also loses some races to Gould Academy, he said.

"We do lose a fair number of kids in part to Gould Academy—kids who are good skiers," Remington said. "We have more girls than boys to Gould."

Remington started out with one or four downhill girls, he said. Senior Angie Mills was the only one to stick with the program. Mills competed as a team is out.

Last year's girls' team had four racers, Mills and three who graduated in June.

Boys' downhillers on the rebound

But while the girls' team is fading, the boys' team has fairly good numbers and a chance at a top spot in the Mountain Valley Conference and State A championships, Remington said.

"This is the deepest team I've ever had in eight years," Remington said. "Junior K. Rosenberg stands a real chance of winning a medal in state competition."

Other returning Rebel boys

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Tree growth

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is not as severe as the 20 to 30 percent penalty assessed currently when a landowner withdraws from tree growth, Wathen said.

"Usually when you get out they snag you with a high penalty," Wathen said. "This time, the Legislature has said 'If you get out now, you'll pay a lesser penalty.' So people ask 'Why do I have to pay a penalty at all if I'm getting kicked out?' I don't have an answer, other than: Have you ever heard of a government that didn't want money?"

There's also another catch to this option: once a landowner withdraws from tree growth and pays the lesser penalty, he cannot change the use of the property until April 1, 1995.

Wood or wood products can be harvested, but the landowner cannot develop the parcel in any manner. The landowner cannot, for example, construct or place buildings, or put in utility lines, wells, foundations, concrete pads or driveways.

Landowners who wish to develop their property once it is withdrawn from tree growth under the lesser penalty will be forced to pay an additional penalty, plus interest, from the date of withdrawal.

Landowners who choose this option must notify the town assessors by April 1, 1994.

Stay in, get a plan

Another option is to stay in tree growth and manage the land according to a forest management and harvest plan.

Landowners or licensed foresters can prepare the plan. But if the landowner prepares the plan himself, a licensed forester must still sign off on it.

The approved plan must include some commercial use of the lot, Wathen said. That use could include planning to sell as little as one cord of firewood a year, or harvesting fir boughs to make and sell wreaths.

Landowners who choose this option must file a sworn statement with the assessor by April 1, 1995.

Change classification

The third option for non-commercial property holders with less than 100 acres is to apply for Open Space classification. This can be done without penalty, and the landowner still gets a tax break.

The application must be filed by April 1, 1994.

To qualify for converting to open space, landowners must convince assessors that the parcel conserves scenic resources, enhances public recreational opportunities, promotes game management or preserves wildlife and wildlife habitat.

Under Open Space classification, the landowner gets a break according to three types of valuation. The three classifications are regular Open Space, permanently protected and forever wild.

The largest tax benefit, a 95 percent reduction in valuation, going to forever wild land with public access allowed.

"You can convert to open space without a penalty," Wathen said. "But it has a hook in it. Basically it means you've put some type of conservation easement on it."

Under the new changes in the law, the owners of commercial property under 100 acres must also file a plan by April 1, 1995.

"The jig's up for everybody by April 1995," Wathen said. "You've either got to have a plan or pay a big penalty to get out."

Town assessors have more information on the amended Tree Growth and Farm and Open Space tax laws, Wathen said, and how it affects individual taxpayers.

SVOAM and the University of Maine Cooperative Extension will also hold a panel discussion/public debate on who is affected by the changes on Thursday, Jan. 13, 7 p.m. at the extension office on Olson Road in South Paris. Registrations is required by Jan. 7 at 743-6329.

Business

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area could handle," said Jack Cronin at the Sudbury Inn. "We turned away probably 200 people every night for dinner the last four nights of the year. I'm sure people got a little frustrated because they didn't plan. The demand is still high for good dining. The pub had high demand too—an hour wait for seating some nights."

Loretta Varo at the Only Place agreed. "We had an excellent Christmas vacation. It was probably up for us 50 percent from last year. Last winter it was definitely off for us, so we call this winter back to normal."

Even the simple things, like a hot coffee, were in big demand. "There was just about triple the business compared to what it's been the past month," said Julie Evans at the Java House. "We were just astonished."

We had to get extra help and we were baking all day Friday, Saturday and Sunday."

Manager Hans Trupp at the Sunday River Brewery also reported much improvement over last year (the restaurant's first).

And Bob Scott at the Monk's Inn said the newly opened restaurant did "incredibly well for our first season and holiday week. We were very busy. We turned a few customers away. We tried to refer them to other restaurants in town but they were busy too."

The only drawback to the most recent vacation period appeared to be its relative brevity. "Christmas week was great," said Sue Burnham at Mothers, "but since we missed the week before Christmas, we're probably down a bit overall."

Local beds were as much in

demand as dining reservations.

"If we had more rooms we could have filled them," said Donna Halacy at the Bethel Area Reservation Services. "We ran out. I booked some into Gorham and Norway, at the end I was telling people they should look into Lewiston and Auburn."

Fighting that inner chill

Business was also booming at the local pharmacy last week—but as much because of local bugs as out-of-town skiers.

"I was more busy with prescriptions than I've ever been," said Dave Preble of Preb's Pharmacy. The drugstore almost ran out of cough and cold medicine, he said, and even ran perilously low on the high-proof palliatives sold only to sufferers over 21.

Augusta's winter crop

By MIKE BROWN

Because Maine anchors the nation's northeast corner, and the only state joined by a single sister state, wintertime spirit can become rather scarce. And winter crops even scarcer.

However, the state's forefathers fortuitously foresaw this activity gap way back in 1820 and established a joyous winter harvestfest called the legislative winter session. This is when the political orchards perfectly ripen and the fruit is picked and sent to an enormous produce warehouse in Augusta. And all labeled, of course, by the personal political pickers from Kittery to Fort Kent as the state lies.

The gift boxes of fruit are packed by full employee houses and publicly displayed, which isn't as generous as it sounds. The public picks up the whole tab.

A sample of this year's Maine winter harvest: LD 1575--Downhome beer mini-breweries are in. Big Bud is out. This bill would allow holders of brewery licenses to sell big suds, specialty package, 15 1/2 gallons of beer on premises instead of the current dinky mundane one gallons. This will also probably change the 1994 drunken driving stats.

LD 1579--Cutting lobster trap gear is an old and cherished Maine custom. This bill puts more daring into the game. The rules now are that molestation (that's what it's called) by a practicing lobster catcher of another practitioners gear, and being caught of course, can ground the perpetrator for three years. The new rule on grounding would be up to the judge. In the judge's lifetime, maybe. That invents a new game--Lobster Roulette.

LD 1586--The protection of a Maine endangered species, the covered salt/sand shed aster, would come with the passage of this bill. The transplanting of this humped dome species into Maine in 1986 didn't particularly take to the native's fancy. The old Maine hippies insisted on fertilizing it, however, and the latest propagation initiative is to

increase the current \$22 motor vehicle registration fee by \$1 which will raise some \$892,000 in nutrients for the endangered salt/sand sheds. That's a big load of tax manure anyway you pile it.

LD 1572--One of the lesser known crimes in Maine is that of volunteer firemen fixing low-voltage fire alarms and sirens all by themselves. A short on the firehouse horn, however, must be legally fixed by a licensed electrician. While waiting for an electrician a few houses burned down and OSHA promised to fine handy firemen for impersonating electricians. This fruity bill exempts firemen from the slammer for splicing shorts in the firehouse horn.

LD 1582--Another lesser known Maine fact is that road dust, an inherited indigenous nuisance, is also against the law. Dusty Roads is called "fugitive emissions" by the gummint. So what happens when some hip residents find out about it and demand a few hundred tons of calcium chloride to blanket ol' Dusty? Gummint panic, that's what. This fruity bill exempts unpaved (that's dirt) public and private roads from the fugitive emissions provisions.

LD 1568--This Maine orchard peach is a sop to out-of-staters who want to be sort-of Maine residents but can't stand the cold. Here's the deal. If they own an antique auto or horseless carriage, Secretary of State Bill Diamond will issue them a resident plate. The catch: it can't leave the state. For instance, President Bill Clinton could get a Maine plate for his horseless carriage and keep it in George Mitchell's garage but Bill couldn't drive it around Arkansas or Washington, D.C.

The Augusta warehouse is overflowing with winter fruit and the vendors are ready and willing to bargain on price and quantity.

C'mon down. (Veteran newsman and columnist Mike Brown writes regularly on the Augusta political scene. His views are his own and do not necessarily reflect those of The Citizen.)

Telstar skiing

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ski here whenever they want to. And the other reason is snowboarding," Remington said.

Several girls and boys have taken up snowboarding, the coach said. Again, easy access to local ski areas gives them plenty of time for shredding.

Telstar also loses some racers to Gould Academy, he said.

"We do lose a fair number of girls in part to Gould Academy--kids that ski," Remington said. "We lose more girls than boys to Gould."

Remington started out with three or four downhill girls, he said, but senior Angie Mills was the only one to stick with the program. Mills will race this year, Remington said, but competing as a team is out.

Last year's girls' team had only four racers, Mills said and three girls who graduated in June.

Boys' downhillers on the rebound

But while the girls' team is faltering, the boys' team has fairly good numbers and a chance at a top spot in the Mountain Valley Conference and State A championships, Remington said.

"This is the deepest team ability-wise that I've had in eight years," Remington said. "Junior Kevin Rosenberg stands a real good chance of winning a medal in the state competition."

Other returning Rebel boys in-

clude senior Nate Harvey and sophomores Kurt Thurston, Adam Newell, Josh Adams, Adam Luxton, Jason Koskela and Ryan Seames.

Newcomers this year are senior Josh Fogg and freshmen Clint Wakefield, Tim Adams, Jason Billings, Parker Gray and Peter Libby.

"The boys' team has a real shot at the MVC title and the state title, if the kids ski well and we don't get any injuries," Remington said.

Most of the team has skied together through middle school, the coach said. Telstar lost only Steve Remington to graduation.

Telstar's first race of the season is scheduled for Jan. 11 at Sunday River.

Nordic teams rebuilding

Telstar's nordic teams have fairly good numbers out, according to coach Bob Remington, but the skiers are young and inexperienced.

Last year's boys' cross-country team won the MVC Championship race. But two top Rebel skiers, Fred Burk and Steve Remington, graduated and the coach has no one to replace them. The only seniors on the team are newcomers.

"There's nobody really ready to step in and replace them," Remington said. "It's a rebuilding year. They haven't skied much yet so I'm not sure how well they can do until they get a chance to ski in a race."

Returning to the team this year are juniors Tim Remington, Joel Riley and Aaron Paul. Newcomers include: seniors Josh Fogg and Nate Harvey, junior Joel Peaslee and freshmen Jason Billings and Mark Tripp.

Lack of snow has forced the skiers to do a lot of road work, Remington said, but the teams have also practiced at Sunday River two or three times a week.

The girls are also young and inexperienced, Remington said. "I don't expect them to be competitive," he said.

Angie Mills is the only returning senior. Other veterans are juniors Amy Howe, Lori Davis and Jaime Orrok.

New to the team this year are sophomore Katy Mullen and freshmen Liza Fyrborg, Jessie Wight and Stephanie Curley.

Telstar is scheduled to compete for the first time this season at Jay on Saturday.

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Andover

By KAREN MCKAY

There will be a Rabies Clinic at the fire station on Saturday, Jan. 15, from 9-10:30 a.m. Dog owners will also be able to license their dogs at that time, proof of neutering is required. All town dogs must be licensed by Jan. 31.

E3 Jeff Bailey, son of Brenda and Chris Bailey, was home over the holidays. Jeff is stationed on the ship U.S.S. George Washington, which calls Norfolk, Va. its home port.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Farrington and family of Governor's Island, N.Y., have been visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Farrington over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kerchner and family of Wellesley, Mass., were in town over the holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith were at Mr. Jerry Manson's on Dec. 24 to enjoy Christmas with their great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith had Christmas dinner with Gary Smith in Rumford.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Bourne and children of Ogunquit visited at the Bartlett Homestead on Dec. 29.

Ms. Hannah Kimball is home for the holidays from Castleton State College in Castleton, Vt.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Wilson hosted a big Christmas gathering on Dec. 24. Attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Crockett and their children and families, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crockett and Jason, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Crockett, Howard Crockett with son Mike and fiancée Kelly Harrington, George Crockett and friend "Tubby" Bachelder of Newry, Grace Gibson and daughter Theresa, and George Sprague of Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Libby, and Jarrod Crockett.

Jennifer Stowell is home from the University of Alaska.

Jack and Lucy Nordahl spent Christmas in Providence, R.I., and saw their new grandson, Keaton.

Carrie Olson and friend Craig Auge were at Mr. and Mrs. Neil Olson's for Christmas.

Ann, Richie, Katie, and Mary Grelle of Connecticut visited at Mr. and Mrs. Neil Olson's Dec. 26 to 30.

Marilyn Mollicone of Augusta visited her father, Leslie Noyes and daughter Nina from Dec. 24 to 26.

Dori Hallman and daughters Megan, Heather and Whitney of Durham visited Ariene Harrington on Dec. 25. All had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Fuller at Locke Mills.

Mrs. Florence Hastings spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bancroft of Paris Hill, returning home on Dec. 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haines' granddaughter Kassandra is doing very well and should be home soon.

Albert Foster had Christmas Eve supper with his sister Grace Smith of Locke Mills. Albert had Christmas supper on Dec. 25 with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Westleigh, along with Myra Foster, Dick and June Stearns.

On Dec. 19, Mr. and Mrs. John Foster of Andover had Albert Foster for supper at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bean, with daughters Stacy and Jennifer had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Fuller of Locke Mills.

Leland Coolidge had Christmas

dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bessey at Rumford Corner.

On Dec. 18, Ruby Coolidge attended a big Christmas gathering with the Hart family. It was a potluck supper with 55 family members present for the supper and tree.

Ms. Ruby Coolidge hosted a big Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Sieve Cross and children, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walker and children and Mr. Stanley Walker all there.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT

Every Tuesday is Bryant Pond hour on Channel IV TV.

Tuesday, Jan. 18, is the annual business meeting at the Baptist Church. Please have your reports in by Jan. 9.

The Woodstock Senior Citizens will meet on Jan. 6 at the Town Conference Room with a potluck dinner at noon. Please bring your own place setting and a dish to pass.

The program will feature Lynda Haegle from Community Concepts.

The Woodstock Historical Society tries to preserve and display the best exhibits it can. They also know antiques are the artifacts of history and stores our treasures. Curator Larry Billings has given a couple more exhibits to the museum. The Society is starting its 15th year. The next meeting will be Jan. 8 with Sheriff Herick as speaker on the History of the Sheriff and Sheriff's Department. All are welcome to attend the 7 p.m. meeting.

Judith Grover Tent No. 17 will meet for a supper and installation of officers on Monday, Jan. 10 at the Grange Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hoover and Marybeth returned home on Tuesday after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hoyt, over Christmas.

Joseph and Maggie Hoyt visited their dad James and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hoyt Wednesday through Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoyt visited Sunday to Tuesday for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. David Crockett visited on Christmas. On Sunday, Beatrice Farnum, the Hoyts and Chases observed Christmas with 33 present.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Hathaway were guests of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Estes, for Christmas Day dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Jordan on Christmas Eve; and their families were at their home on Christmas night.

Mrs. Ruth Dunham had dinner with her son, Mr. and Mrs. James Tyler on Sunday.

Sympathy is extended to the Charles Howes family on the death of his sister Evelyn.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Arnie Ranney.

East Bethel

By NANCY MERCER

Mr. and Mrs. Rudi Honkala spent Christmas with their daughter Christi and son Doug in Falls Church, Va. Their daughter Vicki flew in from Dallas, Texas. They returned home on Dec. 28.

Chris Olson now coaches the Mountain Valley High School girls' basketball team.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tesst and children, Jonathan and Becky, are at

their home from Exeter, N.H.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kitteridge spent Christmas morning at his parents' home in Whitefield. Christmas evening, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bean and children Monica and Chad, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wojtylski of Portland, and Peggy Coolidge had a tree and refreshments at Mr. and Mrs. John Kitteridge's.

Mrs. Peggy Coolidge enjoyed a family tree and refreshments with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Coolidge on Dec. 24.

Opal Tyler and Peggy Coolidge attended the Senior Citizens dinner hosted by the Bethel Rotary Club at the American Legion Hall in Bethel on Dec. 21. This was their Christmas meeting.

George Bethel is home for the holidays from U.R.I. and Debbie Bethel and friend Mike Connolly were at the Bethels' home for Christmas Day.

Ryan Bernier was home from Germany and returned on Jan. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Pelletier and children of Manchester, N.H., Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Tuomineh and children of North Norway, Jim Kimball and friend Vicki and daughter Maria of Norway, and Danielle from St. Josephs College all enjoyed a Christmas dinner at Mr. and Mrs. Andre Bernier's on Dec. 26.

Chad Pelletier was home from Oklahoma and was at the Berniers' for Christmas on Dec. 26.

Jeremiah Bolen of Oregon visited Mr. and Mrs. Andre Bernier recently.

Gilead

By LOUISE LORING

The last week of 1993 held us in the icy fingers of a cold snap that kept its grip upon all of us up here in the North Country. There hasn't been much activity observed throughout this little hamlet except people trying to get their vehicles warmed up and running. Most of the neighbors were noted making frequent trips to their woodpiles to keep that smoke trailing upwards lazily into the blue azure skies. The moon shone upon the snow in the evenings, and it seemed as though we were living in the land of the midnight sun. You hardly needed to light a lamp, as the interior of the homes were infused with moon rays. The patterns of moonlight as they shone in my bedroom window took the form of the lacy curtains upon the ceiling, the fires died down, and cozy comforters and quilts were piled high upon the beds to keep off the room's sudden chill. What a comfort in the morning when the fires were lit, the teakettle singing and the aroma of freshly-brewed coffee waited throughout the household. So there are some good things to be said for winter chills -- a quilt, crackling fires, singing teakettles, aromas of coffee, fresh bread-a-baking, and a slow simmering away on the back burner. All these things put together make a house a home, and winter chills,

however foreboding, a joy to come in out of.

Beverly Corriveau was in Rumford one day last week to sign up for her unemployment.

Justin Buker spent his holiday vacation with Joseph Bagnell of Everett, Mass. "Joe" kept a restaurant here at one time.

Ronald Ferris and Ed Rice were in Norway running errands one day last week.

Ed and Peggy have rented a 1985 Escort until their vehicle is repaired.

Lois of birds are at the feeders. We have especially enjoyed a pair of cardinals again this year, along with mourning doves, jays, finches, grosbeaks, numerous chickadees, woodpeckers, and a pair of gray squirrels, who manage to keep the seeds devoured down to the last crumb, needing refills at least twice daily.

A stray tiger cat with a red collar has been seen around Ellie Anadon's and Millie McClain's. The ladies are trying to find its owner, as they are afraid Tabby's collar will catch in the bushes. Do any of you know who "belongs" to this strange visitor?

That's about all that's going on. Please, folks, call in, not for my benefit, but so that our community can be recognized in proper perspective by our neighbors. Thank you.

Greenwood City

By COLISTA MORGAN

From Christmas it has been bitterly cold, but one evening I braved the chill for a few minutes to see the outside world. I donned my slacks, boots, coat and hat and went for a brief stroll up my driveway. I looked at the winter night and the stars strangely brilliant, as they shone through the trees and winked as the wind, which was blowing, seemed to be whipping them.

If you have walked a country road on a winter night, you know the brilliance of the stars. The trees and hills form a silhouette against their glow and that of the moon. The night seems to come alive and reflect a path through the woods and across the pond, giving shape to the birches and rocky banks.

Sound? The rustle of oak leaves, still clinging to mother tree, a whisper in the tree tops, a single leaf rattling behind you, rushing past you to its destination. But where?

The winter brilliant is so close now in that intensity of the universe above you. And you try to look through and beyond. How much closer they look in December than in June.

Interested in patterns? Pick them out; Orion, the hunter, the big dipper, the north star and many others.

I returned in a few minutes from a minus six below zero to a warm seventy.

My thought was, "This is not a year's end but just the beginning of another tomorrow."

I wish each of you a good new year. And may it bring to each new opportunities for service and joy in the work that is yours to do.

The rush of Christmas is over.

The pond has finally closed and the new ice is dark with hundreds of small, white snow flowers all over it. I think it will stay that way until spring time. I have heard the ice moan several times and it travels from shore to shore.

Rena Curtis' children and grandchildren celebrated Christmas on Sunday, the 26th. Many of them called to see me on their way to or from Rena's.

We had a wonderful day at the farm on Christmas Day. There were 10 of us. Three were unable to come because of sickness.

Nestor Tamminen's family celebrated at Ardell's and Betty's home.

Milton and Eleanor Inman were with their children and grandchildren on the holiday.

My sister Lucy and I were at Clover Manor recently to visit our brother Albert, and Marie Curtis visited him one day also.

No. Woodstock

By SHANE BILLINGS

I hope that everyone had a nice Christmas. It is a wonderful time of the year, but I can't help feeling a little sad now that the holidays are over. As the new year comes upon us, we should reflect on the past 12 months and look ahead to the new year. Time seems to pass so quickly; although it doesn't seem possible, it will be Christmas time again before we know it.

My family had a lovely Christmas morning. I was very happy with all of my gifts, but as I get older I realize that it's just as enjoyable for me to watch my family open their gifts as it is for me to open mine.

On Christmas Eve, Sterling and Irene Mills hosted their annual family Christmas party at their home on Rumford Avenue. Guests were: Tammie Billings, Andrew and Peter Mills, Dan and Betsy Cummings, Tim Mills, Shane Billings, Carly and Ross Cummings, and Jason and Bridget Billings. Gifts were exchanged and a wonderful time was had by all.

On Christmas Eve, Tony and Sue Silver and children Joelle and Errol went to the home of Robert and Ruby Silver for a party. The next evening Tony and Sue enjoyed the company of Chris and Lorlei Cooper. Gifts were exchanged and a lovely meal was served by Sue.

Norma Davis had a Christmas party with her family.

Emma Billings and Lloyd Davis received a visit from Cathy and Donald Gensure on Dec. 28. Cathy is a cousin, and it was the first time in several years that she had seen either Emma or Lloyd.

That's all the news for this week. I hope everyone stays safe and happy.

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Children's Dance Theater of Bethel

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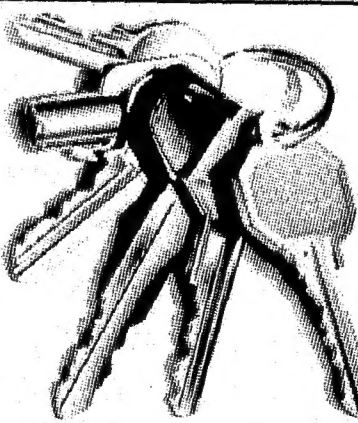


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So. Woodstock

By ANDREA WING

Andrea Wing visited Tommy Poland this week. Tommy has been laid up with a bad leg so has not been able to get around as much as she's used to. Andrea delivered some Christmas baking she'd done to Tommy. She also delivered to others that evening. Everyone was busy, so didn't stay long any place but enjoyed the short visits before Christmas.

Richard and Andrea Wing had Joe Pete, Laurene and Danielle Appleby for supper Thursday night. Joshua Appleby, Peter and Laurene's grandson, came along also. Margie Gleason delivered a loaf of dark homemade bread made by the Pathfinders Club; we enjoyed it with the meal. It was very good. Joe Pete is staying with Silva Biron during the day.

Vernon and Tommy Poland celebrated Christmas at their home the Sunday after Christmas. A buffet dinner of ham and salads was served. Attending were the hosts Tommy and Vernon; Judi and Dave Brown, Aaron Bean, Tammy, Vernon, Shea, Bailey and Emma Davis, Ken, Tracy, Samantha, Alexis, Ken and Brooke (twins) Grover, all from Bethel; Dennis, Debbie, Heath and Brandy Poland from Woodstock; Mike, Sandra, Jamie, Tara, Erica and Ian Monzo from South Paris; Kyle, Rachel, Kaitlin, Casey and Cody Curtis from South Portland; Sherril Poland and Dee from Lewiston.

Ellsworth and Joyce Hathaway traveled to Milford, Mass., Friday to celebrate Christmas with their daughter and family, Jane and Mike Niro and children. They returned home the same day. They spent Christmas day with their daughter Karen and Dennis Fortier and children Heather and Amy in Berlin, N.H. They enjoyed dinner and opened presents.

Lloyd and Gina Poland and children Alex and Natasha were hosts for a Christmas get-together for Rosalee and Leon Poland, Larry and Pam Poland and children Dallas, Cameron and twins Derek and Dylan. They served Christmas dinner and opened presents. On Sunday, Lloyd and Gina were joined by Gina's family of about 25 relatives. They had a dinner and opened gifts Sunday. Gina sent Alex with a Christmas coffee cake to Richard and Andrea. It was very good and appreciated. Thanks, Gina.

Richard and Andrea Wing gathered at Kellie Hart's home Christmas Eve for festivities. Those attending were: hosts Kellie, Sarah and Jessie Hart, Brad Record, Andrea and Richard Wing, Rick, Karen, Ryan and Doug Wing, Jamie

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What cold weather we've been
having the last few days. I guess
winter has finally caught up with us.
Hope everyone had a nice Christmas
and have a safe and happy new year.
Try to keep warm.

High Street

West Paris

By RUSSELL YATES

Another Monday morning has
rolled around and what a cold morn-
ing. It was 8 degrees below zero,
and with a good, stiff wind blowing
it was really cold. I just hope that
none of you good people have
frozen water pipes. I ran some water
several times during the night here
and our pipes are okay.

Last Monday forenoon, the tele-
phone repair man came and finished
laying some new wires, and now our
telephones work just fine again.

In the evening we went to Bryant
Pond for our Franklin Grange meet-
ing. This was the night for our
Christmas program and our lecturer,
Anna Swan, had done lots of
decorating and had a Christmas tree
with lots of trimmings and lights.
We had quite a good attendance, and
I think everybody had a good time.

Tuesday was a real rough day with
wind and rain. We had all rain here,
but brother Bryce and wife Barbara
came down over High Street to
leave some of their Christmas
presents, and they found quite a lot
of snow and slush on the upper end
of the street. They were on their way
to Lewiston in the rain and we

hoped they'd make it back home to
Sunday River without any trouble.

The next day Peggy spent part of
the forenoon doing some cooking.
She made another batch of her oat-
meal yeast bread and then mixed up
some cranberry-apple bread. I had
prepared the apples to go into that
while she mixed up the yeast bread,
so that helped speed up the opera-
tion. After the breads were baked
and cooled down, Peggy made up
two Christmas bags containing yeast
bread, cranberry-apple bread and
molasses cookies. In the afternoon
we delivered one Christmas bag to
Richard and Barbara Felt and the
other one we delivered to Mary
Smith. Then we went on to Paris
Farmer's Union in South Paris,
where I bought some drills to give to
my brother as part of his Christmas
present. On our way home we
stopped at Gail Butterfield's in
South Paris so I could pay my
Pomona dues.

It was time for me to have another
blood test, so we went down street
in the forenoon on Thursday. We
went to the hospital first to have
blood drawn and then we picked up
groceries at Shop 'n Save before
returning home. Sister Laura made a
short call in the afternoon, bringing
Christmas presents, as she didn't

plan to join us on Christmas Day.
Her grandson, Preston Cobb, was
with her and they were going to
Rumford to do some shopping.
Schools are now closed for Christ-
mas vacation for the kids and
Preston was visiting Laura.

Peggy and I want to thank the
members of the Molyneux Sports-
man Club for the nice holiday fruit
basket that was delivered on Friday
evening. We certainly are appreciat-
ing it even though it came as a com-
plete surprise. Thank you all again,
the fruit is very nice.

Saturday morning was quite nice,
so we started the day by going to
West Bethel to the home of Loretta
and Emerson Merrill. Their son
Russell was home from Georgia,
and we were joined by James and
Mary Merrill and their daughter
Kayla. Loretta had some goodies set
out to lunch on, which of course we
sampled. Then we exchanged
Christmas gifts and had a real good
time. Peggy and I stayed until nearly
11 a.m. and then left as we were to
be at Viva's daughter's in Auburn
for lunch and the Christmas tree
there.

The traveling was good, and when
we got to Viva's daughter's in
Auburn in the car right behind us
was Viva's son Wendall and wife

Vivida and their son Toby. Whitman
and his mind Sherry. Wynona had
been to the Old Fellow's Home and
brought her mother over, and Jim
and Helen Strout were already there,
also. Mike's father, Wynona had
prepared a nice roast turkey dinner
with all the fixings, and everything
was delicious. People who came
brought desserts and the food was
delicious and plentiful, as it always
is at our gatherings. After dinner and
dishes were taken care of we all en-
joyed the gifts from the large Christ-
mas tree. Santa Claus was real gen-
erous again this year at both of these
Christmas gatherings, and we
received more than we deserved.

When we returned home we
brought back gifts for some that
couldn't join us. We had a real good
time at both parties and wish the
whole family could have been there.
After we got home and settled in,
we had more gifts from our small
Christmas tree here. It surely was a
very fruitful Christmas for both
Peggy and myself and I wish all
others could have had just as well.
A problem arises when you try to
decide what to do with all of the
gifts.

There was a dance at Locke Mills
Town Hall in the evening, but Peggy
felt that she'd had exercise enough

to do the job for today. It
was very quiet here yesterday. It
snowed squallied some in the early part
of the forenoon. It was rather cool
outside and we spent part of
the day in the house. Christmas presents
to see if they were a fit and trying to
decide what to do with them.
Anyway, winter has arrived, Christ-
mas is over for one more year, and
the new year is starting daily.
Now we have to start planning on
our parties for next winter.

I want to take this space to wish
all of my readers a very Healthy,
Happy, Prosperous New Year.

There was a dance at the Locke
Mills Town Hall on Jan. 4 with the
Richard Felt Orchestra banding the
music.

People called at the Lovejoy
headstand have been David Small
and his son, Walter, from Ken-
nebunkport.

Chris Whitman, from South
Paris, stopped by one day and other
visitors have been George Barinen
and daughter from South Paris.

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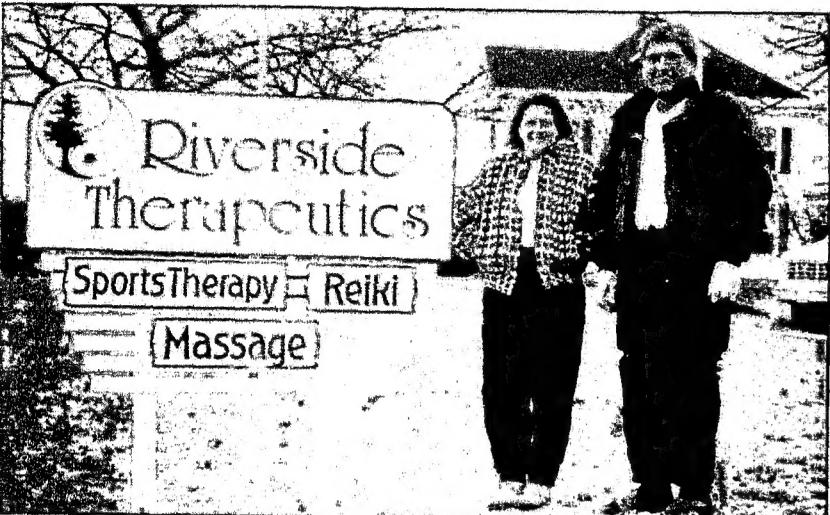
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New businesses booming



A DEN OF HOME COOKING—Shawn and Rachel Martin of Andover recently opened the Den Restaurant in Newry. The couple have leased Bear River Cabins, including the convenience store and restaurant. The Martins serve homestyle cooking made from scratch. Homemade pot roast, meatloaf, maple-walnut chicken, vegetarian dishes, rolls, pies and more are offered daily. The store is open seven days a week. The restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner daily and opens at 5:30 a.m. (Photo by Wendy Hanscom)



WELLNESS CENTER OPENS ON MAYVILLE ROAD—Janet Willis and Henry Siros recently opened Riverside Therapeutics on the Mayville Road. The pair offer a variety of services including massage, muscle and sports therapy, and workshops and classes on various wellness issues. Other therapists at the facility offer herbal facial massage, resonant kinesiology and Reiki, a Tibetan healing art which promotes self-awareness, increased body movement and relaxation. Riverside Therapeutics also has several books, tapes and videos in its growing library. Siros said. Appointments are recommended, 824-3889. (Photo by Wendy Hanscom)



PROVINCIAL AND COUNTRY FOOD—Chris Jylka (left) and Robert Scott recently opened the Monk's Inn on the Mayville Road, (formerly the location of the Mayville Tavern). The restaurant serves lunch, dinner and late supper seven days a week in a casual atmosphere. The menu features stews, fondue, wines, breads and more. "It's good hearty food for a reasonable price," Scott said. The cuisine can be compared to what travelers in Europe might find in ski-country monasteries, he said. Live blues and jazz entertainment is featured in the restaurant's loft weekend evenings. Scott and Jylka have owned or helped manage over 40 restaurants from New York City to Bethel, Scott said. (Photo by Wendy Hanscom)



NEW PIZZA SHOP OWNER—Dennis Williams, the new owner of Bethel Pizza on Main Street (formerly Carmella's), with employee Angela Jordan behind the shop's counter. Williams serves fresh-dough pizza, subs and specialty sandwiches seven days a week. Take-out or advance orders can be placed at 824-4430. (Photo by Wendy Hanscom)



DUNKIN' DONUTS AND MORE—Roberta Taylor and her partner Elaine Pitkin (not pictured) have opened the Bottle and Bag on the Mayville Road in Bethel. The store features Dunkin' Donuts, cold beer and wine, snacks and groceries. Within a month, Taylor said, the store will also offer fresh pasta, sandwiches and soup. With one day's notice, the store can also cater meetings with special orders of Dunkin' Donuts and coffee. The store is open seven days a week, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights. (Photo by Wendy Hanscom)

MANAGEMENT CLUB

Western Maine Management Club will meet at the Bethel Inn on Jan. 10. The club has a goal of providing information and resources to help local businesses grow. The next meeting will be Feb. 14.

FROM THE

Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

Reservations for the meeting are being taken by Terry Gower of Fred R. Gower Co. in Bridgton, 647-1111, no later than Friday, Jan. 7. Western Maine Management Club started in 1961, is made up of business people in Western Maine who meet on the first Monday of each month.

All members and friends are invited to January's Business After Hours, to be held on Monday, Jan. 10, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Den Restaurant on Route 2 in Newry. Owners Rachel and Shawn Martin look forward to welcoming you to their new business. The Bethel Area Chamber along with the Maine's Lake and Mountains Tourism Council, will attend the Vacation World Travel Show in Boston from Jan. 14-17. Robin Zimchuk will be the representative at the show, along with member Linda Riemenander. Many thanks to Mary Jo Kennett, who has recently retired from her position on the board, for all her work during her term. Welcome to Paula Gillies, who will be filling an unexpired board term.

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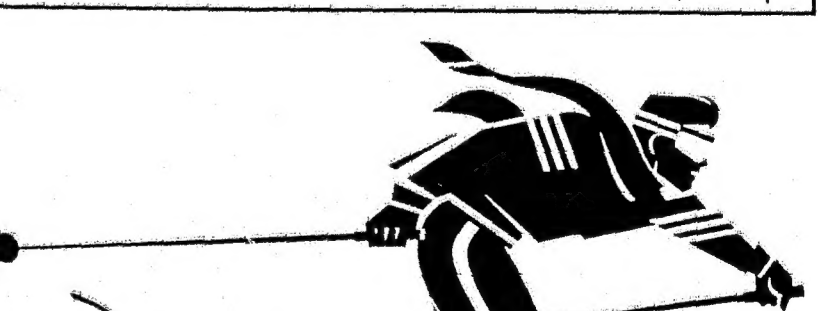


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(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Fam
(10)	MacNeil-Lehrer		Was
(11)	Sportsctr	NHL Hockey: Pitt	
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(18)	Howards End	Cont'd	Mov
(20)	College Hockey: Northeast		
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(25)	Movie: Stage 17		
(26)	Major Dad	Wings	Mur
(27)	In Search Of		Time
(32)	Eddie's	That Girl	Mov
(34)	Design W	Jeffersons	Prim
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SATURDAY EVENING

	7:00	7:30	8:00
(3)	Empty Nest	Murphy B	NBA
(5)	Bordertown	Skies	Cou
(6)	Inside	Cheers	Mun
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Figu
(10)	Maine	Media W	Ups
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(12)	VideoPM	Stardom	Ogr
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(15)	A River Runs Through It		Mov
(17)	Movie: Rock-A-Doodle		
(18)	Rocky II	Cont'd	Mov
(20)	NHL Hockey: Florida Panthers		
(21)	Spenser: Pale Kings		Mov
(22)	Wrestling	NBA Basketball	
(24)	Doug	Rugrats	Clar
(25)	Movie: Tropic Zone		
(26)	Case Closed		Ni
(27)	Hm Again	Hm Again	Mov
(32)	Eddie's	That Girl	Mov
(34)	Runaway	Fortune	Lou
(39)	Capital	Sports Sat	Prim

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THURSDAY EVENING JANUARY 6, 1994										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Cheers	Murphy B.	Time Trax		Kung Fu: The Legend	News	Empty Nest	Cheers	H. Patrol	
(5)	Waltons		Young Riders		Rescue 911		700 Club	Bonanza		
(6)	Thoreau's	Roseanne	Mad-You	Wings	Seinfeld	Frasier	Homicide: Life	News		
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Missing Persons		Figure Skating		Primetime Live	News		
(10)	MacNeil-Lehrer		Maine	Maine	Mystery!		Chelworth	Charlie Rose		
(11)	Sportsctr	College Basketball: Florida State at Virginia				College Basketball: Wisconsin at Penn State				Sportsctr
(12)	Club Dance	News	Staller Bros.		Music City Tonight		Club Dance	News		
(13)	Entertain	Edison	In the Heat of the Night		Eye to Eye		Second Chances	News		
(14)	English Soccer		College Basketball: S. Ala. at W. Ky				Athlete	Sail N.E.	Talk Sport	10th Frame
(15)	Movie: City Heat				Movie: "Backstreet Justice"		Comedy	Inside the NFL		
(17)	Movie: Dark Horse				Martin & Lewis Golden Age		Movie: "A Song Is Born"			
(18)	"Pure Country" Cont'd	Movie: "Night and the City"				Movie: "Hofia"				
(20)	Bruins	NHL Hockey	Winnipeg Jets at Boston Bruins				College Basketball: Wash. St. at Cal			
(21)	Unsolved Mysteries	Sisters			Movie: "Strangers Kiss"			Unsolved Mysteries		
(22)	Griffith	B. Hillbillies	Movie: "Midway"							
(24)	Looney	Bullwinkle	Partridge	Get Smart	Dragnet	Newhart	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore	Van Dyke	Lucy Show
(25)	Movie: Kentucky				Movie: "Passion"		Movie: "Kentucky"			
(26)	Major Dad	Wings	Murder, She Wrote		Movie: "Hush Little Baby"		Wings	Wings		
(27)	In Search Of		Real West		Nunsense			In Search Of		
(32)	Eddie's	That Girl	Renegade		Fugitive		News	Kojak		
(34)	Design. W.	Jeffersons	Movie: "The China Lake Murders"				News	Night Court	Highlander	
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	Primetime		Larry King Live		World News	Sports	Moneyline	

FRIDAY EVENING JANUARY 7, 1994										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Cheers	Murphy B	Movie: Staying Alive				News	Empty Nest	Cheers	H. Patrol
(5)	Waltons		Movie: I'd Rather Be Rich				700 Club		Bonanza	
6	Murphy B	Roseanne	Viper		Movie: Bermuda Grace			News		
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Fam. Mat	Boy-World	Step by S	Mr. Cooper	20/20		News	
10	MacNeil Lehrer		Wash. Wk	Wall St	Wait God	Minister	Served	Fawley T.	Smith & J.	Ch. Rose
(11)	Sportsctr	NHL Hockey	Pittsburgh Penguins at Buffalo Sabres				Pro Ski Tour			Sportsctr
(12)	Club Dance	City News	Video Album			Music City Tonight		Club Dance		City News
13	Entertain	Edison	Diagnosis Murder			Burke's Law	Picket Fences		News	
(14)	Pregame	NBA Basketball: Cleveland Cavaliers at Boston Celtics					Hockey: Gullivan Cup	Rinkside	Basketball	
(15)	Inside the NFL		Movie: Raiders of the Lost Ark				Movie: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom			
(17)	The Further Adventures of the Wilderness Family				Movie:	Mountain Family Robinson			Movie: The Grey Fox	
(18)	Howards End: Cont'd		Movie: Peter's Friends				Movie: Passenger 57			
(20)	College Hockey: Northeastern at Boston College					College Hockey: Lake Superior State at Michigan				
(21)	Unsolved Mysteries		Sisters			Movie: The Mosquito Coast	Jokers			
(22)	Griffith	B. Hillbillies		Movie: Pottergeist			Movie: Pottergeist III			
(24)	Looney	Bullwinkle	Top Ten Countdown							
(25)	Movie: Stage 17					Movie: Detective Story			One Hour With You	
(26)	Major Dad	Wings	Murder, She Wrote			Movie: Bad Influence			Movie: Private School	
(27)	In Search Of		Time Machine		Investigative Reports		Ancient Mysteries		Evening at the Improv	
(32)	Eddie's	That Girl	Movie: To Live and Die in L.A.				News	Kojak		
(34)	Design. W.	Jeffersons	Movie: The Ladykillers				News	Night Court Comedy		
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	Primetime			Larry King Live	World News		Sports	Moneyline

SATURDAY EVENING JANUARY 8, 1994										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Empty Nest	Murphy B	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Minnesota Timberwolves				News	Movie: Malcolm		
(5)	Bordertown	Skies	Country Music Spotlight				Movie: Five Card Stud	Bordertown Skies		
6	Inside	Cheers	Mummies	Getting By	Empty Nest	Nurses	Golden Globe's 50th		News	Sat Night
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Figure Skating: U.S. Championships -- Ladies & Pairs Finals				News		Lady Mob	
(10)	Maine	Media W	Upstairs, Downstairs		Trainer		Austin City Limits		Sandbaggers	
(11)	Sportsctr	NFL	College Basketball: Pittsburg at Syracuse				Bodybuilding: Fit America		Sportsctr.	
(12)	VideoPM	Stardom	Opry	GrandOpry	Staller Bros		Hee Haw	Opry	GrandOpry	
(13)	Untouchables	Medicine Woman		Harts of the West			Walker, Texas Ranger		News	
(14)	Horse R.	NHL Hockey	New York Islanders at Hartford Whalers.					College Basketball		
(15)	A River Runs Through It		Movie: The Bodyguard					Movie: Under Siege		
(17)	Movie: Rock-A-Doodle		Eerie Ind		Elvis 56		Movie: Change of Habit			
(18)	Rocky II: Cont'd		Movie: Scanners III: The Takeover				Badge of Silence, Maniac Cop III, Naked			
(20)	NHL Hockey: Florida Panthers at Boston Bruins						College Basketball: Boston College at Connecticut			
(21)	Spenser: Pale Kings		Movie: This Is Elvis				Hidden	Hidden	Unsolved Mysteries	
(22)	Wrestling		NBA Basketball: Cleveland Cavaliers at Atlanta Hawks				Movie: The Golden Voyage of Sinbad			
(24)	Doug	Rugrats	Clarissa	R house	Ren-Stumpy		Afraid?		Very Very Nick at Nite	
(25)	Movie: Tropic Zone						Movie: Hong Kong		What Price Hollywood?	
(26)	Case Closed		Nightmare on Elm Street 5: The Dream Child				Silk Stalkings		Movie: Lunch Wagon	
(27)	Hm Again	Hm Again	Movie: Time After Time				Comedy on the Road		Caroline's Comedy Hour	
(32)	Eddie's	That Girl	Movie: The Terminal Man				News	Charles	Kojak	
(34)	Runaway	Fortune	Lou Rawls Parade of Stars				News	Lou Rawls Parade of Stars		
(39)	Capital	Sports Sat	Primeneews		Larry King Weekend		World News		Sports	Capital

SUNDAY EVENING JANUARY 9, 1994										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Kung Fu: The Legend		Movie: "Memphis"				News	Manager	H. Patrol	Hockey
(5)	My Dog	Baby Race	Jungle	Big Jak.	Snowy River: McGregor, In Touch				Ben Hansen	Arketberg
(6)	I Witness Video		Sequester DSV				Movie: "Secret Sins of the Father"			
(8)	Videos	Funnest	Lois & Clark-Superman				Movie: "Tango & Cash"			
(10)	All Creatures		Nature				Masterpiece Theatre			
(11)	Sportsctr	NFL	PBTA Billiards				Boxing: Orlin Norris vs. James Warrick			
(12)	Auto Race	NHRA	Racing				Fishing	Bassmasters	Outdoors	Head Test: Trucks
(13)	60 Minutes		Murder, She Wrote				Snowbound: The Jim and Jennifer Stupa Story			
(14)	Major League Baseball's	Greatest Games				Boxing: Pro Tour				10th Frame: Book Table
(15)	"Forever Young" Cont'd	Movie: "Unforgiven"				Sanders				Bram Stoker's Dracula
(17)	Movie: "Night Crossing"		Harry Connick				Movie: "Carousel"			
(18)	"Short Circuit" Cont'd		Movie: "My Cousin Vinny"				Movie: "Patrol Games"			
(20)	College Basketball: UAB at Cincinnati				English Soccer				Soccer	NHL Hockey
(21)	"Summer Girl" Cont'd	Movie: "Tell Me That You Love Me"				Lifetime Magazine				Clapboard: Mysteries
(22)	Figure Skating: U.S. Open Championship		National Geographic Explorer				Earth			Paid Prog.
(24)	Alfred?	R. House	Nick News	Mork	Lucy Show	Van Dyke	M.T. Moore	Newhart	Dragnet	Hitchcock
(25)	Movie: "Remember the Night"		Movie: "You're Never Too Young"				Your Life			
(26)	Movie: "Hush Little Baby"		Case Closed				Silk Stalkings			
(27)	House of Elliott		America's Castles				Miss Marple			Caroline's Comedy Hour
(32)	Eddie's	That Girl	Movie: "A Man Called Horse"				News	Charles	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
(34)	Design. W.	Odd Cple	Movie: "Blanche Fury"				News			
(39)	Pinnacle	Sport Sun.	Primetime		CNN Presents				Sports	Business

MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 10, 1994											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(3)	Cheers	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Philadelphia 76ers				News	Empty Nest	Cheers	H. Patrol		
(5)	Waltons	Young Riders			Cindy Williams Special		700 Club	Bonanza			
(6)	Murphy B.	Roseanne	Fresh Pr.	Blossom	Movie: "Murder Between Friends"				News		
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Day One		Movie: "Columbo: Butterfly in Shades of Gray"				News		
(10)	MacNeil-Lehrer	I'll Fly Away			American Playhouse				Charlie Rose		
(11)	Sportsctr.	College Basketball: Syracuse at Connecticut				College Basketball: Oklahoma at Kansas				Sportsctr.	
(12)	Club Dance	News	Stardom	Texas	Music City Tonight			Club Dance	News		
(13)	Entertain.	Edison	Shade	Dave's	Murphy B.	Love-War	Northern Exposure		News		
(14)	Basketball	Celtics Wk	Sportswriters on TV		College Basketball: No. 1 at Wis. Green Bay			Sports	Wood Guit		
(15)	Strictly	Mr. Bean	Movie: "Tightrope"				Movie: "Where Sleeping Dogs Lie"				
(17)	Faerie Tale Theatre	Avonlea			Movie: "Going My Way"			Dance			
(18)	Beetlejuice	Cont'd	Movie: "Boomerang"				Movie: "Love Between the Lines"		Firestorm		
(20)	Bruins	NHL Hockey: Toronto Maple Leafs at Boston Bruins				College Basketball					
(21)	Unsolved Mysteries	Sisters			Movie: "A Touch of Scandal"				Unsolved Mysteries		
(22)	Griffith	B. Hillbillies: Movie: "On Wings of Eagles"									
(24)	Looney	Bullwinkle	Partridge	Get Smart	Dragnet	Newhart	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore	Van Dyke	Lucy Show	
(25)	Movie: "Till the End of Time"		Movie: "I Want You"				Till the End of Time				
(26)	Major Dad	Wings	Murder: She Wrote		WWF Monday Raw		Six Starlings		Wings	Wings	
(27)	In Search Of	Wolper Pies		Sherlock Holmes		Love's Mysteries		In Search Of			
(32)	Eddie's	That Girl	Mod Squad			Fugitive		News			
(34)	Design. W.	Jeffersons	Movie: "Two Mules for Sister Sara"				News		Nightline: "B. Clinton"		
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeNews		Larry King Live		World News				

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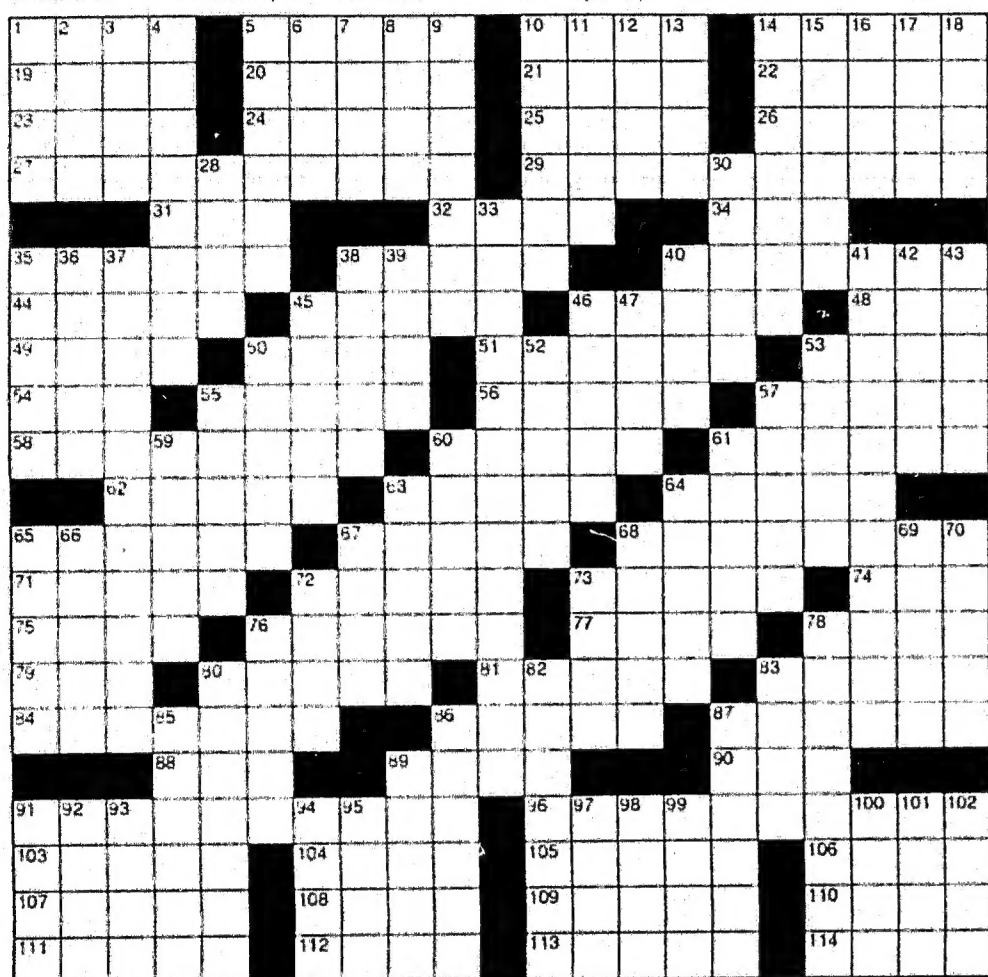
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37 Song for the Frog Prince?
38 Antipassio
39 A.B.A. member
40 Merriment
41 Song Ignored
42 Overjoy
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83 Cartoonist
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87 Bogart film of '43
89 Fizzy drinks
91 Strikebreaker
92 Biblical weed
93 Bear in the air?
94 Democratic creator
97 Pavlov or Lendl
98 Mackerel gull
99 Algonquian
100 Pianist
101 Prometheus stole it
102 Drink too much



MT. ABRAM EXTENDS FREE LEARN TO SKI PROGRAM

Mt. Abram ski area has announced that the area's ski school will continue to offer its Free Learn To Ski Program to first time skiers.

The offer includes a beginner level ski lesson, a lift ticket and a complete equipment package for the day. The program is offered Monday-Friday only, excluding all weekends and holidays.

"We had some success with a similar program in December," said ski school director Krister Rollins, "so we decided we should continue to offer the program on a trail basis. Weekdays are a time when our instructors have fewer demands on their time, there are fewer people on the slopes, and conditions are better this time of year, so it makes a lot of sense for us to extend this program into January."

Mt. Abram's Learn To Ski Free Program is offered to all first skiers ages 6 and up. Reservations are required, as enrollment is limited, but same day reservations may be made as late as 9 a.m. All Learn To Ski Free lessons begin at 10:30 a.m. For reservations and information: 875-5003.

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The Maine Snowmobile Association has established a toll-free telephone line that provides information on trail conditions in seven regions of the state, including the western mountains.

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Jackson-Silver Auxiliary

At their last meeting members relaxed at a potluck supper joined by members of the Post and SAL. It was followed by an exchange of gifts, a fun sing-along and playing bingo for surprise, wrapped gifts.

In the meeting which followed, it was voted to help a member family having a bad time by sending them a basket containing the makings of a Christmas dinner and a gift of money.

Sunday, Dec. 19, was special because it was the day to visit the veterans who are patients at Ledgeview Memorial Home, have dinner with them and present gifts to each of them. The gifts were purchased with funds received from those who bought the Christmas tree bulbs in memory or honor of veterans. More than 225 names have been received and will be submitted to the papers after the holidays.

At gaily-decorated tables in the recreation room about 12 Legion and Auxiliary members joined those patients able to come there in a meal spiced with conversation and memories. Also attending was the sister of William Silver, one of those in whose memory the Jackson-Silver Post was named. As they were presented their gifts after the meal, the men wondered how the Auxiliary members had found out what they had wanted from Santa, as they received everything from Tootsie Rolls, caps, shirts, and calendars to jogging pants, electric

razors and talking watches. An additional box of gifts was left to be given to any other patients who may not have anyone to visit or bring them anything for Christmas. Later, those patients unable to attend the dinner were visited in their rooms and presented with their gifts. At the same time there was an opportunity to say hello to other friends who are patients at the nursing home.

At this time the Auxiliary would like to thank many people for their help: Brian Strickland for the electrical work and strings of lights for the two Christmas trees; to the members of the SAL who helped with the decorating; the many people who remembered their special veterans through the purchase of the lights; Martha Stowell, Evanna Davis and Leah Deegan for taking charge of the sale of lights, purchasing and wrapping the gifts, and most of all, those veterans who gave so much to keep this free country we enjoy.

The next meeting will be Jan. 6 at 7:30. Members are reminded to bring items for the Bethel Area Food Pantry. Other dates to remember: Jan. 15 is the day for mid-winter conference in Rumford, and Jan. 17 the County Council will meet at the Norway Post Home for the annual county Oratorical Contest. Members are urged to come and see what a good job these high school students do and support them in their efforts.

X-C ski programs

Sunday River Cross Country Ski Center in Newry has announced three ski programs intended to give area residents an inexpensive opportunity to get out and enjoy winter.

The Ski 'n Soup Group, coordinated by Melinda Remington, will begin its fifth year of Wednesday gatherings on Jan. 12. The group meets at 10 a.m. for a brief clinic on ski technique, then skis on the Center's trails before returning to the base lodge for soup and fellowship. The first session on Jan. 12 will include a 9:30 beginner's clinic for the first timers or those who want to brush up on their technique.

Marie Keene and Marci Baker, will coordinate the Parents and Tot-Ski Cooperative. This group will meet on Fridays at 10 a.m. beginning Jan. 7 and will follow a format of a half hour of skiing with parents and children followed by an opportunity for parents to ski together while two parents each week watch the youngsters. The cost of both the Ski 'n Soup Group and the Parents and Tot-Ski Cooperative is \$5 per adult per week (season pass holders ski free). Rental equipment is available for both programs at \$2 per week. Toddler skis and Polks (children's sleds that can be pulled by a grownup) are available for use free of charge during these weekly events.

A weekly Night Ski will also be held each Friday from 7:30-9 p.m. A flat loop near the Inn is lit with kerosene lanterns, and a bonfire is set out in the woods for marshmallow roasting, warming up, and often singing. A Finnish sauna is also fired up. Tickets for Night Ski are \$2, rentals are \$3.

Agnes Gray School

By MARTA CLEMENTS

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Thursday, Jan. 6, Woodstock Senior Citizens' meeting at the Town Complex, Bryant Pond—potluck dinner with each person to bring plate, cup and silverware and a dish to pass. Jackson-Silver Auxiliary meeting, 7:30 p.m. Bring items for Bethel Area Food Pantry.

Saturday, Jan. 8, Woodstock Historical Society, 7 p.m. Sheriff Lloyd "Skip" Herrick will speak on the history of the Oxford county jail and the office of sheriff.

Dance at Locke Mills Town Hall with Richard Felt Orchestra.

Monday, Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m.—Newry Mothers Club meeting at Town Building.

Judith Grover Tent No. 17 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War installation of officers with a 6 p.m. supper.

Western Maine Management Club meeting at the Bethel Inn—social hour 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and dinner 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Price: \$14 per person. For reservations call Terri Grover at Fred P. Saunders Co. in Bridgton, 647-3331 no later than Friday, Jan. 7.

Tuesday, Jan. 11, Pine Tree Legal Assistance meeting with clients, South Paris District Courthouse. Potluck supper, 6:30 p.m. before the Mundt-Allen Post 81 meeting.

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 11 a.m.—Bethel Senior Citizens' meeting and dinner at the Methodist Church.

Saturday, Jan. 15, Women at the Change of Life at Riverside Therapeutics, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or from 2 to 6 p.m. Fee is on a sliding scale from free to \$25. Topics include the mechanics of menopause, hormonal replacement therapy and managing menopause naturally. To register for more information, contact Janet at 824-3889.

Monday, Jan. 17, West Paris Historical Society meeting and oyster stew supper.

Franklin Grange meeting, Bryant Pond.

Tuesday, Jan. 18, 7 p.m.—Bethel Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting at Town Office.

Pine Tree Legal Assistance meeting with clients, Bethel Area Health Center.

Annual business meeting at Bryant Pond Baptist Church.

Friday, Jan. 21, last date for preregistration of University of Maine Cooperative Extension gardening workshop series. Info: 743-6329 or 1-800-287-1482.

Saturday, Jan. 22, 5 to 7 p.m.—Roast Beef Supper at Central Lovell Fire Station, benefit Lovell Volunteer Fire Dept.

Monday, Jan. 24, Pine Tree Legal Assistance meeting with clients, Rumford District Courthouse.

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 5 and 6—L.L. Bean Cross Country Ski Festival. Registration fee is \$25 per day, per person (under 14 free). Info: 1-800-341-4341, ext. 6262 weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 14—East Andover Community Club meeting.

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROGRAM

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and sponsors free and confidential services for presently or formerly abused women. Rumford office—369-0750; 24-hour hotline 1-800-559-2927.

DISTRICT EXCHANGE

Open every Monday 1-4 p.m., Thursday, 4-8 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ethel Bisbee School, Bethel. Clothing on sale, food available for those in need.

LIBRARY HOURS

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Tel. 392-4841.

Bethel Library: Monday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-5 p.m.; Thursday, 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 4-8 p.m.; Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Story Hour for preschoolers, Thursday, 10-11 a.m. (September through May). Betsy Raymond, Librarian.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Library hours: Tuesday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Hamilin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 3-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.

SAFER FAMILIES
Safer Families of Oxford County sponsors free and confidential domestic violence services and support groups for presently or formerly abused women. Meetings are held in Rumford on Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in Bethel. The Safer Families toll free 24-hour help and crisis hotline is 1-800-287-2292. For more information call 824-2193 or 1-800-287-2292 (24-hours a day).

CHURCH SERVICES

Bethel
West Parish Congregational—Rev. Brendon Bass and Rev. Jean Bass, worship hour 10:30 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene—Rev. John Grant, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes for all ages. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. 6 p.m. evening service.

Our Lady of the Snows—Rev. Albert B. Colpitts, Mass—Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Bethel Gospel Center—Rev. Nathan Seckinger, 9 a.m. Sunday school, 10 a.m. worship, 6 p.m. evening service.

Bethel United Methodist—Rev. Henry Nickerson, 10:30 a.m. worship.

West Bethel Union—Rev. John Williams, 9:15 a.m. worship and church school.

Pleasant Valley Bible—Rev. Ron Provencher, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship.

Locke Mills
Locke Mills Union—Rev. David Wigley, 9 a.m. worship and Sunday school.

Bryant Pond
Bryant Pond Baptist—Rev. Linwood Hanson, 9:15 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. worship, 6 p.m. service.

East Stoneham
East Stoneham Congregational—Rev. Janice Wilcox, 10 a.m. worship in February, April, June, August, October and December. 9 a.m. church school (Oct.-June).

Newry
Newry Community Church—Rodney H. Hanscom, closed for winter, worship services again in March, 1994.

Woodstock
Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist—Pastor Michael Cabana, Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship.

REACH
Rape Ed. and Crisis Hotline 1-800-622-2365. Sexual abuse helpline, 743-9777. Past or present victims of abuse.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

First Wednesday: Purity Chapter 102, OES, 6:30 supper, 7:30 meeting. Greenwood Historical Society meets at the Society Building, Main St., Locke Mills, 7:30 p.m.

Woodstock Planning Board meets at the Town Office.

First and Third Wednesday: Newry Planning Board, Town Office, 7 p.m.

Gilead Selectmen meet at the Town Office at 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Wednesday: Bethel Planning Board meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Every Thursday: West Paris Board of Selectmen meet at the Town office, 6:30 p.m.

First Thursday: United Methodist Women meet at the Bethel Methodist Church at 1 p.m.

Upton Board of Selectmen meets, 6 p.m.

Bethel Historical Society, Dr. Moses Mason House, 7:30 p.m.

Second Thursday: Board of Directors of Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce meets at the Bethel Area Health Center, 7:30 a.m.

Newry Fire Auxiliary meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Bethel Lodge No 97, AF & AM.

S.H.A.R.E. support group for parents suffering loss of infant or miscarriage, at Stephens Memorial Hospital 7-9 p.m., 824-2913.

CPS/PTA will meet from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Babysitting provided.

Third Thursday: Fish & Game, at the Bethel United Methodist Church; potluck supper 6 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m.

Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club, at Newry municipal building, 7 p.m.

First and Third Thursday: Jackson-Silver Post, Locke Mills, 7 p.m.

Every Friday: Game Party at Jackson-Silver Post No. 68, Gore Road, Locke Mills, 6 p.m.

First Friday: The Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association meets at 7 p.m. at the Newry home of Norman and Eleanor Davis, 824-2844.

Third Friday: Mt. Abram Lodge, IOOF, 7:30 p.m.

Every Sunday: Western Mountains Meditation Group, Center for Natural Healing, 47 Pioneer

Street, West Paris, 9:30 a.m. 6'4 3961.

Third Sunday: Episcopal House Church at the Bohrs on Chapman Street, Bethel, 4 p.m., 824-2913.

First Monday: Newry Community Ladies' Circle, 12:30 p.m.

Second and fourth Monday: SAD44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover at 7:30 p.m. Call 824-2185 for meeting place.

The Gilead Fire Department meets at the Fire Station at 7 p.m.

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Third Monday: Mundt-Allen potluck supper and meeting. Supper starts at 6:30 p.m.

First and Third Monday: Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

First Tuesday: Three Rivers Sportsman's Club, Hanover I of P Hall, 6:30 p.m. potluck supper followed by a meeting.

Second Tuesday: Mundt-Allen Post, American Legion, meeting at 7:30 p.m.

LaLeche League, nursing mothers, meet at 10 a.m. at area members homes Call 836-3567 for more information.

Every Tuesday: Bethel Rotary Club meets at The Bethel Inn, 7:30 a.m.

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Andover Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 6 p.m.

Newry Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 9 a.m.

First and Third Tuesday: Woodstock Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

The Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Children and Adolescent Network (GRAMI-CAN) Support, education and advocacy. Meets in the Former St. John's rectory from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Rumford. Contact Diane at 369-0542.

Cross-Country Quilters meet at the Bethel Library from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Third Tuesday: Pine Tree Legal Assistance at Bethel Area Health Center, starting at 10 a.m.

Bethel Lions Club meets at the Bethel Lions Den, Main St., Social hour—6:30-7 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. followed by meeting.

Telstar High School Project Graduation Committee meeting, 6 to 8 p.m., room 106 at Telstar.

Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Bethel Citizen office or mailed in or phoned in at 824-2444.

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curling up the fingers. Regular decorations were used, and it looked spectacular. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments enjoyed. The second-graders even made stone soup and included a classroom luncheon in their party plans. The first-graders had an artificial tree, and they were able to have theirs up longer than the rest of us. They made Santa ornaments to decorate it. They also were making secret gifts of wood and gift bags to keep their secret in, and took them home to put under their own trees to surprise their parents on Christmas morning.

The kindergarten and first grade visited Ledgeview Nursing Home and sang Christmas carols to the residents. Our music teacher, Mr. Barker, accompanied the two classes. Both students and residents enjoyed the performance and the visit.

The kindergarten children have been studying German Christmas customs, and decorated gingerbread houses. If I had known ahead of time, I would have shared a very special guest, Maylene Cummings, with the little ones. Maylene is a former West Paris student now attending Colby College in Waterville. Maylene spent her senior year of high school in Germany, and she visited my class this week to share some of her experiences with us. We sang some carols in German, and learned about their Christmas traditions. Maylene's niece, Tasha Cummings, is a fifth-grader this year and was responsible for recruiting a visit from her aunt. Thank you, Tasha and Maylene!

We hope everyone enjoys the Christmas break. One of the first items on the agenda in January will be the Parent Volunteer meeting on the first Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 6:30 in the library. See you then!

MASTER GARDENER COURSE

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension will again offer its popular Master Gardener Program in spring 1994.

Participants in the Master Gardener Program will receive 10 three-hour training sessions on gardening, starting in February. After successful completion of the training program, each Master Gardener will volunteer 30 hours to a community gardening project.

The 1994 program will focus on food production: the planting and care of tree fruits, small fruits, and vegetables. Cooperative Extension specialists, County Educators, and other experts will provide in-depth training on topics as diverse as which vegetable varieties are best for Maine, how to prune apple trees, and how to establish and maintain strawberry plantings.

Basics of plant care will also be covered, including soil management, planting techniques, and pest management.

Volunteer projects will include community demonstration gardens, where Master Gardeners will share their knowledge with members of their local communities. "This is the best part of the program," said Barbara Murphy, Extension Educator in Oxford County. "We can reach hundreds of people through trained volunteers who are eager to share their knowledge and enthusiasm with other gardeners."

The training program for southern Maine will be held at the Gray Congregational Church, starting Friday, Feb. 18 and continuing once each week through Friday, April 22. For more information, or to request an application form for the program, call the Oxford County Extension Office at 743-6329 or 1-800-287-1482.

UMO SOILS COURSE

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension has scheduled a three-session soils course on Fridays, Jan. 21 through Feb. 4 at two locations in southern Maine. The morning session will be held at the USDA Service Center in Lewiston from 10 to 12. The session will be repeated in the afternoon at the USDA Center in Gorham. The course is designed for farmers and is practical in nature. Each session will focus on a specific aspect of farm soil. Topics to be featured include: soil management, understanding soil fertility, and improving soil fertility.

The course is free. Registration is required as space is limited. For course information or to register, call 743-6329, or 1-800-287-1482.

PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP

An ongoing support group for parents of children with emotional/behavioral needs is scheduled to resume meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 6:30 p.m. at Tri-County Mental Health Services' Conference Room in South Paris.

The meeting will be facilitated by Pat Hunt of the G.E.A.R. program of Crisis and Counseling Centers, which is sponsored by the Bureau of Children with Special Needs.

Parents whose daily lives are affected by their child's emotional/behavioral needs are encouraged to attend.

Meetings are currently scheduled for the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. For more information: 225-2544.

School sports

Basketball

Telstar 27, Livermore 36

The Telstar High School J.V. girls' basketball team lost 27-36 Wednesday to Livermore Falls.

Beth Howe was high scorer with 11 points. The Rebels shot 18.8 percent from the floor and 24 percent from the foul line.

Telstar led through the third quarter, but had some offensive foul trouble at the end of the game, according to coach Jim Miclon. "But it was the best game yet," he said.

Telstar 65, Monmouth 56

The Telstar High School boys' varsity basketball team beat Monmouth Academy Dec. 27 in the first game of the Saddleback Inn holiday tournament in Rangely.

Telstar was behind 36-31 at the half, but rallied behind a strong defense to win, holding Monmouth to just 20 points in the second half, according to coach Mark Thurlow. Caesar Morgan was high scorer with 16 points, followed by Todd Wing, 13; Cory Koch, 12 and Kevin Mullen, 11.

Telstar 67, Rangely 75

The Telstar High School boys' varsity team lost 67-75 to Rangely on Dec. 28, the second game of the holiday tournament in Rangely.

Telstar was behind by 20 points at the beginning of the fourth quarter, but rallied to within six points of the lead, 67-61 with 58 seconds left in the game. But Rangely went on to win it 67-75.

school lunch menu

WEEK OF JANUARY 10

SAD44 Breakfast Program

Monday: Enriched super donut, protein item, chilled milk.

Tuesday: Cereal, fruit juice, protein item, chilled milk.

Wednesday: Enriched honey bun, protein item, chilled milk.

Thursday: Cereal, fruit juice, protein item, chilled milk.

Friday: Enriched super donut (chocolate), protein item, chilled milk.

SAD44 Lunch Program

Monday: Ham and cheese on a fresh bun, garden peas, chilled fruit.

Tuesday: Oven baked chicken, mashed potato, broccoli cuts, dinner roll, chilled fruit.

Wednesday: Fresh baked pizza, green beans, chilled fruit.

Thursday: Chicken salad roll, cheese slice, tomato soup, fresh veggie, cherry ice juice.

Friday: Grilled hot dog in a fresh roll.

MENOPAUSE WORKSHOP AT RIVERSIDE THERAPEUTICS

Women at the change of life is the subject of the Jan. 15 workshop at Riverside Therapeutics.

The workshop will feature Kathleen Zagata, a nurse educator, who runs menopause workshop in Boston. Zagata will speak on the psychological and physical changes that define menopause.

Topics will include the pros and cons of hormonal replacement therapy; the physical, mental and emotional mechanics of menopause, and managing menopause naturally with nutritional supplements, exercise and stress management.

Cost for the workshop is on a sliding scale from free to \$25. Two sessions are scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or from 2 to 6 p.m.

For more information or to register contact Janet Willie at Riverside Therapeutics, 824-3889.

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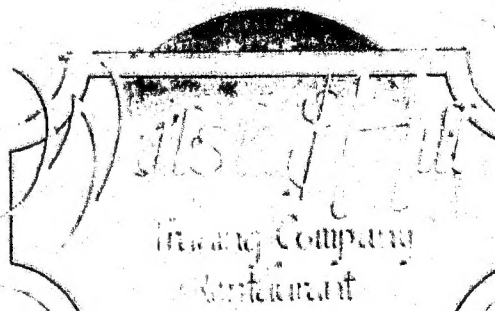
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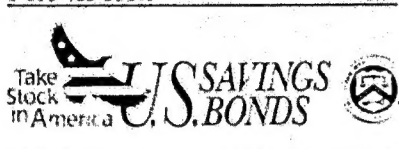
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SUPPORT GROUP for families and friends of the mentally ill. Meets first and third Tuesdays of the month, 6:30 pm at St. Athanasius/St. John Parish Center, Rumford. For further information call 1-800-464-5767. 23tf

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Bethel Area Health Center, Saturday 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. For information call 824-6683 or 824-2945. 37tf

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly). Wednesdays, 7 pm, Bethel Fire Station. 11tf

S.H.A.R.E., a support group for parents who have suffered an infant loss, stillborn birth or miscarriage. Stephens Memorial Hospital, first Thursday of each month, 7 pm. For information, call 824-2913. 24tf

Bethel Freedom Group AA, which meets at Bethel Fire Station. Sunday 6-7:30, CBB; Monday 10-11 a.m. C 12x12; Tuesday 7-8:30 CWD; Wednesday 10-11 O-Literature; Friday 7:30-9C 12x12. 25tf

AL-ANON. Wednesday, 8 pm Telstar Regional High School. 28tf

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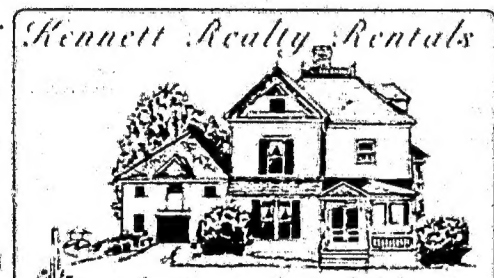
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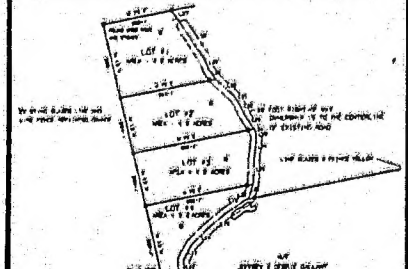
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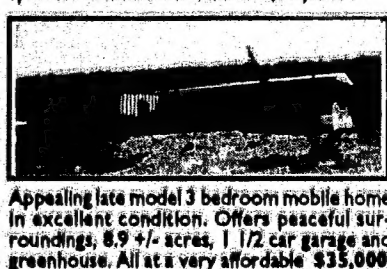
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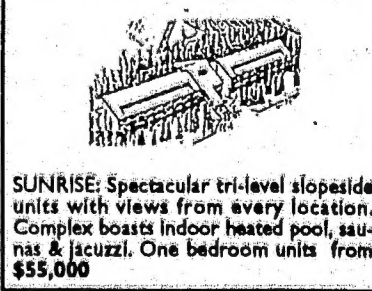
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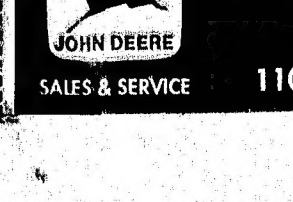
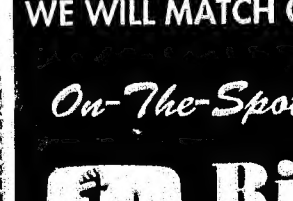
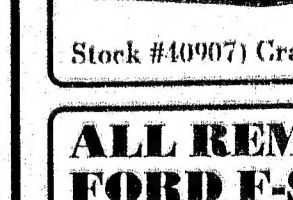
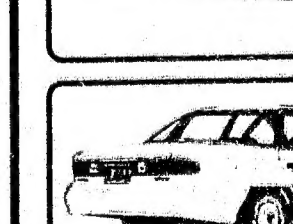
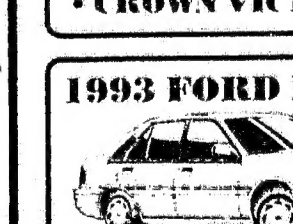
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Obituaries

KELLIE J. HAINES

Kellie J. Haines, 25, died Monday, Dec. 20, 1993 in Bethel as a result of an auto accident. She was born Nov. 15, 1968 at Stoughton, Mass., the daughter of William J. Wells and Donna Dunn. She attended East Bridgewater, Mass., schools and Telstar High School, from which she graduated in 1986. She attended medical technician training at Rumford Community Hospital and worked as a nurse's aide at Rumford Community Home and at Ledgewick Nursing Home in West Paris. She also was employed by Sunday River Ski Area. She married Charles Haines Jr. on Oct. 28, 1989. Mrs. Haines is survived by her husband, a son, Allen Haines, and a daughter, Cassandra Haines, all of Bethel; her mother of Eastport; one brother, William Wells of Bethel; two sisters, Joanne Varum of Mexico and Lee Wells of Nahant, Mass.; and maternal grandmother, Jean Dunn of East Bridgewater, Mass. She was predeceased by her father.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 23, at Greenleaf Funeral Home in Bethel. Interment will be in the East Bethel Cemetery in the spring.

SHARON LEA OLDENBURG

Sharon Lea Oldenburg, 46, died suddenly early Monday morning, Dec. 27, 1993, in Waynesboro, Ga., where she had resided for the past four months.

Mrs. Oldenburg was born in Rumford on April 27, 1947, the daughter of the late Orrie and Bernice (Cole) Bachelder. She attended Rumford and Dixfield schools, but had been a resident of the Bethel area for many years.

Mrs. Oldenburg is survived by a daughter, Tamara E. Rice and a son, Edward O. Rice, both of Gilead; two brothers, Kevin A. and Shannon R. Bachelder both of Rumford. She was pre-deceased by an infant daughter, Tina Lea Rice.

Cremation was in Waynesboro, Ga., on Dec. 30. Graveside services will be held in the spring at the East Bethel Cemetery.

Card of Thanks

Your calls, concern and acts of kindness mean more than you know. A sincere thank you to John and Cheryl Flot, Tim and Maryvonne Wheeler and the local friends. The list is endless. It's a comforting thought to know that people are there when you need them. Thank you and God Bless Dale, Jannine, Shye Buck and The Boys.

MILDRED B. POULIN

Mildred (Brown) Buck Poulin, 94, widow of Archille Poulin of Bryant Pond, died Sunday afternoon, January 2, 1994, after a brief illness at Ledgewick Nursing Home.

She was born in Milton Plantation, the daughter of John and Hattie (Estes) Brown, and had lived in Bryant Pond for the greater portion of her life. She attended Bethel and Bryant Pond schools and for many years worked as a wood lathe operator at the former Mann's Mill in Bryant Pond before retiring when the mill closed many years ago.

On June 30, 1917, she married Clinton Buck; he died in 1962. On Jan. 12, 1970, she married Archille Poulin, who died in 1973. Mrs. Poulin was a member of the Bryant Pond Baptist Church, and a charter member of Woodstock Senior Citizens group.

Mrs. Poulin is survived by a son, Kenneth Buck of Silver Springs, Fla., and a summer resident of Norway; 13 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Poulin was predeceased by a daughter, Arline B. Cushman, and a son, Sherwood Buck.

Graveside services will be held in the spring at Abbott Mills Cemetery, Rumford. Friends who wish may make memorial contributions in her memory to Tri-Town Rescue, P.O. Box 275, West Paris, ME 04287.

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Card of Thanks

We would like to thank family, friends and neighbors for the cards, gifts, flowers and visits during the holidays. Also, West Bethel Union Church and Pleasant Valley grange. Wilbur and Ruby Davis

KARLA D. MILLETT

Karla D. Millett, 25, of Deer Hill Road, Waterford, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1993, at Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway.

She was born at Bangor on Sept. 6, 1968, the daughter of Sawin and Barbara (Shaw) Millett. She graduated from Oxford Hills High School and received her certified nurses aide certificate from Sweetser Children's Services in Saco.

Miss Millett is survived by her parents of Waterford; one son, Sean Howard Millett; maternal grandparents, Perry and Arlene Shaw of Carmel; paternal grandmother, Marguerite Gordon of Waterford; three brothers, Kenneth J. Millett of Winthrop, Kerry D. Millett of Atlantic City, N.J., and Kevin J. Millett of Waterford; and one sister, Kathy J. Millett of Tucson, Ariz.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 1, 1994, at Waterford Flat Church in Waterford. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, North Waterford. In lieu of flowers, donations in Karla's memory may be sent to either Sean Howard Millett Fund, c/o Sawin Millett, RR 2 Box 117, Harrison, ME 04040, or the Pine Tree Epilepsy Assoc., 622 Congress Street, Portland, ME 04101.

TYLER SERVICES

Funeral services for Warren Tyler were held Thursday at Greenleaf Funeral Home in Bethel with Rev. Brendon Bass officiating. Interment will be at the Pine Grove Cemetery, West Bethel, in the spring.

BETHEL SENIOR CITIZENS

The Bethel Senior Citizens will meet Jan. 12 at the Methodist Church in Bethel at 11 a.m. Price of dinner is \$5.

At this time the 1994 membership cards can be purchased. It is very important for each person to have a card. The price is \$2 for those under 80, \$1 over 80, and free over 90.

In Loving Memory of Errold Donahue, Sr.

Who passed away December 31, 1963. Wife, Children, and Grandchildren

BETHEL MAN IN COLLEGE CONSERVATION CORPS

Roy Buck Jr. of Bethel is among seven young men and women who are starting a 12-month community service program.

The seven are joining 11 other young people currently in the College Conservation Corps of Maine. The group's year of service will begin in the woods of Maine and end at Unity College.

At the beginning of January the group will leave for a two-week training session in the backcountry.

Equipped with snowshoes, cross-country skis and field tools, crews will trek into the woods where they will live in cabins.

Upon completion of the back-country session the group will attend Unity College for the spring semester.

Corpsmembers will study English, math and courses related to natural resource conservation. While in school they will also work on local community service projects.

During the summer, corpsmembers will work as part of a back-country team, as assistant team leaders for a Maine Conservation Corps high school team or as interns with a natural resource agency. They will return to Unity for their second semester with the CCCM.

The CCCM is administered through the Jobs Training Administrative Office and funded through a grant from the federal Corporation on National and Community Service.

SEAMAN HAMMER DEPLOYED TO ITALY

Navy Seaman Daniel J. Hammer, son of Margaret Hand of Bryant Pond, recently reported for duty aboard the submarine tender U.S.S. Simon Lake, forward deployed to La Maddalena, Italy.

A 1989 graduate of Telstar Regional High School, Hammer joined the Navy in March 1993.

BUTTERS RECEIVES MEDAL

Air Force Capt. Anthony M. Butters has been decorated with the Air Force Achievement Medal.

The medal is awarded to airmen for meritorious service, acts of courage, or other outstanding accomplishments.

Butters, a C-141 standardization/evaluation chief, is the son of Muriel E. Butters of Bethel.

NAZARENE CHURCH TO CELEBRATE 32ND BIRTHDAY

The Bethel Church of the Nazarene will celebrate its 32nd birthday with special services on Sunday, Jan. 9. The church was organized in January of 1962 at the corner of Broad and Paradise Streets, on the property formerly known as the Dr. W.H. Gray property. The church later moved to its present location in the former Universalist Church at the corner of Church and Park Streets.

In honor of the occasion, Rev. Robert Jackson, former pastor to the church and presently pastor at the Church of the Nazarene in Maynard, Mass., will bring the message at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Following the morning service, there will be a potluck dinner, after which pastors John and Debbie Grant will perform a gospel music concert. The day's celebration will conclude with the 3 p.m. showing of the latest Billy Graham Ministries movie, "Come the Morning," starring Susan Howard and Travis Knight.

For details, or more information, call Rev. Grant at 824-3766.

FREE LEGAL AID

Pine Tree Legal Assistance assists low-income people with civil legal matters, such as evictions; public housing issues; denial, reduction or termination of government benefits; unemployment; and special education. Through a Rural Access Program, Pine Tree holds office hours in each of four communities in Androscoggin and Oxford County once a month. The purpose is to help those who meet poverty income levels to receive legal assistance with the many problems that face the poor.

An attorney from Pine Tree will meet with clients at the following times and places in the month of January:

-Tuesday, Jan. 11, South Paris District Courthouse.

-Tuesday, Jan. 18, Bethel Area Health Center.

-Monday, Jan. 24, Rumford District Courthouse.

To schedule an appointment at any of these locations, call Pine Tree Legal Assistance at 784-1758.

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THOUGHTS FROM THE Pastor's Study

The Bethel Area Clergy Association, with the help of pastors of surrounding churches, brings you these meditations. Not based on any set theme, they will be individual for each pastor. It is hoped you will find in these words comfort and hope for your daily life.

The beautiful sounds of our Christmas carols remain with us only as echoes, as remembrances of the joyous season run through our minds.

The peal of the New Year's bells too have faded away. And a busy world continues on with its pleasures and labor. With Christmastime comes our Christian season of Advent, which is not only a time in which we celebrate Christ's birth, but his second coming as well.

New Year's has no special meaning in our faith; in fact the Jewish New Year falls in September, and it was in this period of time that the first Passover was celebrated, and is still a special time of celebration for the Jewish faith.

This first Passover was a prelude to exodus of the children of Israel from Egypt, being led by Moses.

In John 3:17, Christ after telling his purpose and reason of his being says, "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

We look back with mixed emotions at Christ's birth, his refusal of a room makes most of us wonder at the heartlessness of the innkeeper and others, not only because of the fact of who he was, but rejection of anyone at such a time seems cold and cruel.

But this would become the way he would be received by many. Many today say that Christ was not born on the day we celebrate. This could be true, it makes no difference. What matters to us is that he is born to us when we accept him as our Saviour.

How fitting then does our celebration of Christmas fit in with our civil celebration of New Year.

For after our acceptance of him, we come into the beginning, our past is put away, then again when we look at Advent as celebrating the second coming of Christ, this too is the birth of a new life.

Rodney H. Hanscom
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